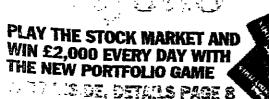
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# Speeding crackdown to be police priority, orders Straw

By ARTH: R (LIATHIFY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are to be told to take tough action against motorists driving too last as part of a government crackdown on speeding.

Ministers will insist on the strict enforcement of speed limits, partieularly the 30mph limits, as part of an initiative launched today to reduce the number of annual road death (. 3 not), by up to a third. They

want motorists who break speed. Ministers are watching 300 trial limits by as little as 5mph in towns to be fined.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will announce new national objectives for police forces in November which are expected to require them to make the anti-speeding initiative a priority.

Another option being considered is to reduce speed limits as part of the Government's review of roads policy, to be completed next spring.

schemes, mainly near schools, where the limit has been reduced from 30mph to 20mph. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, is also supporting the campaign to tackle traffic crime.

Ministers are determined to change public attitudes and make speeding socially unacceptable in the same way that drink-driving has become unacceptable over the past 20 years. They are concerned

that accidents are ten times more likely on urban streets than on motorways but that policing has not fully reflected the risk factor. A third of road deaths last year

were attributed to speeding and enforcement of the present limits is seen as the crucial weapon in a compaign aimed at changing public arritudes.

A target to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries by a third by the year 2000 was mer this

year, mainly through the success of campaigns against drink-driving. but ministers are alarmed that speeding is claiming an increasing proportion of lives. Twenty years ago, less than a quarter of read deaths was attributed to speeding.

Transport ministers will announce today a £3.5 million "Kill your Speed" advertising campaign. including film of children playing taken before they were killed in road accidents. The seven-week television and radio campaign will include further announcements of action to curb excessive speed.

Ministers say that the sharp drop in the number of road deaths, from 5.600 15 years ago to 3.598 last year, has been caused mainly by the compulsory wearing of seatbelts, better car design and the effectiveness of drink-driving laws. However, they believe that better information on the effects of speeding will bring about improved

safety. They argue that closer assessment of poor accident rates will prompt councils to introduce traffic safety measures such as speed humps and more cycle paths. Baroness Hayman, the Road Safety Minister, will announce today plans to set new national and local targets to reduce road deaths and serious injuries. They are expected to define more clearly the action that police and other traffic authorities should take.

# Palace counters funeral rift 'lies'

By Emma Wilkins and Philip Webster

THE QUEEN mounted a strong counter-attack yesterday against a wave of speculation that the Royal Family had been at odds since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

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She authorised Buckingham Palace to issue a rare and outspoken statement cataloguing a flood of "inaccurate and untrue" stories about the funeral preparations.

Those included claims that the Prince of Wales, backed by the Prime Minister, had persuaded the Queen to break with protocol and broadcast to the nation on the eve of the funeral; that there was a rift between the Royal Family and the Spencer family; and that the Prince had a ferocious row with the Queen's top aide.



\*His honeymoon period is over and he still isn't married to Ffion"

### Hague hits back

William Hague responded to criticism of his remarks about Tony Blair and the aftermath of Princess's death, saying he would not be deterred from blunt speaking .... .....Page 2

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The point-by-point reburral came out of the blue and appeared to be the start of a fightback by the Monarchy against the damage it fears it has suffered since the Princess's death. The Queen has already said that she is ready to learn the lessons from the life of the Princess and the

reaction to her death. But the Royal Family's immediate priority is to halt speculation of a rift between Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace, where the Prince of Wales's office is based, and to quash the idea that he is keener than the Queen on modernising the Monarchy. The message from the Palace was clearly intend-

remains very much in charge.

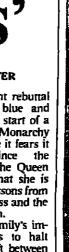
It said: "In the aftermath of the tragic death of the Princess of Wales there has been a wave of speculation and inaccurate stories about the events leading up, and subsequent to. the funeral. These stories need

Place. That interpretation was

wrong, the Palace said. The Queen took decisions in close consultation with the Prince of Wales at Balmoral Her advisers were in close touch with those of the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister. Suggestions that pressure had to be exerted on the Queen

"As the Oueen said in her broadcast, she believes there are lessons to be drawn from the life of the Princess and the public reaction to it. As for lessons for the Palace, the Oueen's advisers are, of course, working closely with the Prince of Wales's office.

reports over the weekend that the Prince was studying pro-Continued on page 2, col 6



ed to be that the Queen

Downing Street was aware that the Palace intended to put out its statement and was sent a copy in advance as a courtesy, but there was no consultation over its contents.

It added that the Queen was responsible for her own decisions in the week after the Princess's death. It had been suggested that the Prime Minister and Prince of Wales pressured her to rewrite the royal rule book and fly a flag ar half mast over Buckingham

by anyone, including the Prince of Wales, are false.

It is understood that the statement was prompted by

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Mark Knopfler, left, Sir Paul island in the Royal Albert Hall. The ageing stars, a far cry from the

McCartney. Sir George Martin. organiser of the charity rock concert Music for Montserrat, and Sting before last night's performance in aid of the volcano-stricken Caribbean

boys who were the fresh-faced rockers of the sixties, were being joined by Eric Clapton and Phil Collins to form a powerful if wrinkly cover band to raise funds for those rendered homeless by the continuing eruption of the Soufrière Hills volcano (Kathryn Knight writes). Between them, the

five, who have a combined worth of £750 million and have sold about as many records, planned to play a medley of Beatles classics at the end of the sell-out concert.

Sir Paul, 55, was also to perform a solo rendition of the Beatles's hit Yesterday, and Elton John, 50, was to

join the team for the finale, a performance of Hey Jude, another Beatles favourite.

Sir George, the Beatles' producer, has worked with many of the singers at his recording studio on Montserrat and flew in Arrow, a native calypso

### Blair to take £41,443 pay rise

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is to accept a pay rise of £41.443 next year, despite the expected freeze on nurses' and doctors' wages, it emerged last night.

Downing Street sources confirmed that the Prime Minister would take his full salary of £143,860, and that other Cabinet members would receive increases taking their salaries to £103,860.

Mr Blair's decision is likely to provoke an uproar from public sector workers who are expected to be told next week that their £80 billion pay bill will be frozen for another year. Nurses' and doctors' leaders

have reacted furiously to reports that public sector pay is to be squeezed yet again and re was put on Mr Blair at the weekend to practise restraint himself.

As Opposition leader, he announced that he would not be taking the full increase recommended by the Senior Salaries Review Body. After the election it was agreed that the Cabinet would forgo full rises this year but accept them next year.

A Downing Street spokes-man said: The salaries of ministers are set by an independent pay review body in the same way as others in the public sector."

### Ulster peace talks open without Unionist parties

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY ADAMS led Sinn Fein into direct talks with the British Government at Stormont yesterday, but the first day of what were supposed to be all-party peace negotiations passed with not one of the Unionist or loyalist parties

Much of the day's action centred not on the talks at all, but on heetic efforts to coax the Ulster Unionist Party to Stormont for direct or indirect negotiations. Last night the prospects of that happening. perhaps as early as today, looked good.

Before most people had even woken up the British and Irish Prime Ministers issued a joint statement designed to reassure the UUP on the contentious issues of IRA disarmament and consent. At mid-morning Paul Murphy. the political development min-ister, visited the UUP's Belfast headquarters, and last night George Mitchell, the American chairman of the talks, met David Trimble, the UUP leader, in Belfast's Europa hotel.

Mr Trimble said he was

"encouraged" by the Prime statements and said the UUP intended to join the negotiations "as soon as possible" if his meeting with Mr Mitchell went well. Mr Mitchell emerged from that meeting unable to announce an agreement but sounding

The principal outstanding issue is the UUPs insistence that some IRA decommissioning of arms take place during the negotiations. Mr Mitchell was apparently trying to persuade Mr Trimble to leave the matter in the hands of an international body on decommissioning being set up by the British and Irish Governments. Procedural rules prevent the full-scale negotiations from officially beginning until there is agreement on this

"Obviously if there were no stumbling blocks we would all he lat Stormont now," said Mr Mitchell. But I am impressed by the manner in which all participants are working in a constructive way and I hope we can move the

process forward." The loyalist Ulster Democratic and Progressive Unionist parties also spent the day in talks before deciding whether to attend the negotiations. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and the UK Unionist Party have boycotted the whole

Other delegations, meanwhile, gathered at Stormont for negotiations that Mr Adams said could mark the heginning of the end of the conflict on this island". However Mr Adams was soon attacked by the British and Irish Governments and other parties over the IRA's disowal last week of the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence.

Technically the full-scale negotiations did not begin as scheduled yesterday, and cannot do so until the impasse over decommissioning is resolved. But Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, told reporters: This problem has been going on 800 years so you can understand an hour or

### Bhutto accounts frozen by Swiss

Swiss authorities have frozen bank accounts held by Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistani Prime Minister, and her mother and husband.

Miss Bhutto, whose government was dismissed last November, is visiting Dubai. where two of her three children are at school. The move was requested by the Pakistani Government and may he designed to ensure that she never regains power... Page 13

### Newcastle FC chairman goes

Sir John Hall is to stand down as chairman of Newcastle United Football Club on December 1. Sir John, 64, who has held the post for five and a half years, said he had honoured his commitments to the club and achieved his ambition in ensuring that it was once again a leading force in the

### **Batting** on

County cricket rejected a change to a championship of two divisions. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, the board chairman, said that he was disappointed ....

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# Literary recluse faces Booker shortlist limelight

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A RECLUSIVE Australian writer in her sixties has been hurled into the

glare of publicity by having her novel shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Madeleine St John, whose publishers have struggled in vain to persuade

her to be photographed or interviewed. reached the final six with her third novel The Essence of The Thing. Linde if anything is known about her.

beyond that she came to London in the early 1960s and lives alone in Notting Hill. She refuses to reveal even the most basic details of her life: her publishers, Fourth Estate, are unsure of her age and do not know whether she was married or had children. They tell the curious that she had a "sad childhood", used to work in a Kensingion antiques shop, and once conducted an affair with an American academic. Miss St John is joined on the

shortlist by Arundhaii Roy, of Delhi,

who attracted a record advance for her first novel, The God of Small Things. Another first novelist. Mick Jackson, was picked for The Underground Man to compete with Bernard MacLaverty's Grace Notes, Jim Crace's Quarantine and Tim Parks's Europa.

The prize has become synonymous with controversy, but Nicholas Clee. book news editor of The Bookseller, said: "I can't see anything about these

books that will get anyone in a tizz." The chairman of the judges is

literature and president of Clare College. Cambridge. She is joined by Jason Cowley of The Times, Jan Dalley of the Independent on Sunday and the novelists Rachel Billington and Dan Jacobson. The winner will be announced on October 14. Renders can save £2 on any of the

shortlisted titles by telephoning The Times Bookshop on 0990 134 459.

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# I'll never fear to speak my mind, promises Hague

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE fought back against criticism of his leadership last night with a promise to his party that he would not be deterred from blunt speaking through fear of causing offence.

Under internal and external attack for accusing Tony Blair of trying to make political capital out of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, Mr Hague made a wide-ranging assault on the Government. In a clear attempt to raise his profile, he also threw open to newspapers and television a private meeting with activists at Conservative Central Office

But he also postponed a walkabout at planned Victoria Station, where he might have faced media questioning about his

Mr Blair and the defection to the Liberal Democrats of Hugh Dykes, the former Tory MP. His aides insisted that the visit had been called off so that Mr Hague could spend more time working on his speech to

former Tory chairman, suggested that Mr Hague had accusations that officials had secretly briefed journalists with the aim of putting the Government in a good light and the Royal Family in a bad light. Downing Street said the charges were "totally untrue", Buckingham Palace insisted it

Lord Tebbit said: "I certainly would say one would expect that any leaders would gain discretion with experience.

secretary, told the Express on

Sunday: "The Labour Party is

behaving as though it owns

Hague would be asked about

BBCI's Breakfast with Frost.

He accused Downing Street

Another Tory source said:

"We knew it was high-octane

stuff but there comes a point

when you just have to say

these things. If it causes a lot

The row has prompted

questions over the role of Mr

Hague's advisers. Mr Dun-

can, occasionally described as

the Tories' answer to Peter

Mandelson, led Mr Hague's

leadership campaign team

and is a vice-chairman of the

party. He is also Mr Hague's

acting press secretary until

Gregor Mackay, a former

ministerial special adviser,

takes up the job full-time at the

of criticism, so be it."

officials of "shabby politics".

The story ensured that Mr

when he appeared on

the Royal Family."

# Public 'disgust' prompted attack

By James Landale, political reporter

WILLIAM HAGUE'S decision to accuse the Government of making political capital out of the Princess's death came after he heard similar concerns from the public, according to Tory officials.

The Tory leader, during his tour of the country, was struck at what they believed was Labour's attempt to exploit the tragedy and felt a duty to speak out. He knew it was a risk but believed he had to "draw a line in the sand", one

source said vesterday. There are many people out there who felt that the Labour Party were highjacking the memory of the Princess. William is the leader of the Conservative party. He decided that he wanted to say it

publicly," the source said. Mr Hague discussed the matter with his advisers and his views were leaked to the Sunday press. Alan Duncan, his parliamentary political

Perhaps, if I had been the leader of the party at this time. I would have been going on other issues." Asked if Mr Hague should "lay off" royal stories, Lord Tebbit said: "I think that the royals and the stories around them should be London Conservatives. Earlier Lord Tebbit, the

But Mr Hague was backed by Kenneth Clarke, the man he beat in the run-off for the leadership. The former Chancellor said: "He's staked out his position, the position of the Conservative Party, over the last two or three months and I agree with what he's said and support what he's done. It's far, far, too soon for this kind was happy with the role played by Mr Blair. of carping criticism to start breaking out in sections of the

party or the press already." In his speech last night, Mr Hague concentrated his fire on the Government's early record. He called it a "PR exercise built on the back of the strongest economy in liv-

ing memory". He attacked the Government over Budget tax-rises, lengthening waiting-lists and and students' tuition fees. describing each as "a promise solemnly given, and a promise casually abandoned.

Tories would not "shy away from speaking our minds", he said. "We will be frank even when it is not always popular. For there are times when blunt-speaking offends some people. I am prepared to live with that. Opposition has never been for the fainthearted.

Mr Hague also used the meeting to urge support for his plans to shake up Tory party organisation, introducing a single constitution and national membership list. He is facing opposition from senior party members but made plain that "no change is not an option". He has been criticised for coupling the vote endorsing his leadership at the party conference next month with another approving reform.

Mr Dykes, who lost his Harrow East seat in May, hinted that other pro-European Tories felt as he did, and Labour sources hinted further Tory defections were possible.



Rita Restorick outside Stormont with a picture of her son, Stephen. He was buried on his 24th birthday

# Bereaved mother leads peace vigil

Women want politicians to recall cost

of failure, writes Martin Fletcher

AS THE potentially historic the table together, listen to peace talks opened at Stormont yesterday, the mother of the last British soldier shot in Northern Ireland led a silent vigil outside the gates to remind the politicians of the human stakes in their

"I hope to touch their consciences," said Rita Restorick. whose son, Stephen, was shot in the back by an IRA sniper while talking to a motorist at a checkpoint in South Armagh in February. He was buried on his 24th birthday.

"I want peace in Northern Ireland so no other mother has to go through what I have gone through, and what so many other mothers have gone through in the past 28 years." she said.

Unionist and nationalist politicians had to sit down at each other and make compromises because that was the only possible way of ending

Mrs Restorick, from Peterborough was joined by a dozen other women from both sides of the sectarian divide who had lost relatives in the Troubles and clutched pictures of the dead. The vigil was confined to women because the politicians and the killers were mostly men.

Kay Duddy, whose brother was killed by British troops on Bloody Sunday in 1972. was one of five Catholic women who drove down from Londonderry to join Mrs Restorick. "We wanted her to know that we agree with her 100 per cent," she said. The fact that Mrs Restorick's son was a British soldier made no



Stephen Restorick: shot in back by IRA sniper

difference. "She's lost a loved one the same way we lost a

Alice Murray's 27-year-old son, John, was shot by Michael Stone, a Protestant who ran amok during the funeral of the IRA's Gibraltar bombers at Belfast's Militown Cem-

etery in 1988. When she heard

said. 'I can rub shoulders with that lady.

She wants peace and everybody to talk and that's why am here. You have to talk. It's the only way to get

Thelma Campbell's 18-year old brother — a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was riddled with 17 bullets when he was ambushed while patrolling Belfast's Antrim Road in 1972. A Protestant, she travelled down from Ballymena with her friend Theresa Doherty, a Roman Catholic, whose brother was killed by a bomb at his home in Jordanstown in 1973. He had four children aged one to

Mrs Campbell said: "If we can worship together and love each other, why can't the politicians sit down and talk and give the talks a chance? There's no other way to go forward except by forgiving

### Mawhinney \* calls for minimum term for burglars

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR Brian Mawhinney, the Shadow Home Secretary, will criticise the Government today for failing to introduce minimum jail sentences for persistent burglars.

In his first major speech since he was appointed to his post, Sir Brian calls on Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to implement the law requiring judges to send third-time burglars to prison for at least

The measure is part of the Crime (Sentences) Act. which was passed earlier this year under the Conservatives. The Tories had earmarked funds for 1999-2000 to meet the cost of putting it into effect.

However, the Government has said that it will give the goahead only when it can afford to do so. According to an internal audit by the Prison Service, implementing the law would lead to a big increase in the number of people being sent to already overcrowded

Mr Straw is committed to the introduction of other parts of the Act this year. They include automatic life sentences for offenders convicted of a second serious violent or sexual offence and minimum seven year sentences for a third conviction for dealing in hard drugs. The Prison Service audit predicted that those changes would add only around 170 to the prison population by 1999-2000. Speaking to the Police Su-

Police

driver in

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perintendents' Association Conference in Bristol today. Sir Brian says tough action is needed against burglars, who are often the cause of most of the crime in their area.

"Yet so far Jack Straw is refusing to take this necessary

He says most people believe the courts are too lenient with burglars. "Burglary is a serious crime and those who try to live on its proceeds need to be given a clear message that society will not tolerate their behaviour.Burglary not only deprives people of their possessions, it causes the sanctity of people's privacy to be

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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

### Dana wins election backing

Dana, the 1970 Eurovision Song Contest winner, unexpectedly secured the backing of four councils vesterday to become the first person officially nominated to succeed Mary Robinson as Irish President. She will now go forward to the election on October 30.

Adi Roche, 42, a human rights and anti-nuclear campaigner, added her name to the list yesterday as the Lab-our Party candidate and immediately became the bookies' favourite. Her campaign is likely to be star-studded and supporters are expected to include Bono, of the rock group U2.

### Montserrat vow

Tony Blair met David Brandt, Chief Minister of Montserrat, and promised that Britain would give the stricken island all it needed to sustain a viable community in the north. But the Government has urged Montserratians to recognise the potentially fatal risks associated with volcanic ash. Some islanders were still living in an area declared

Jaguar export Jaguar is to build its first car

outside Britain. Unions have been told that a study of plans for a smaller, low-budget model have ruled out Jaguar's sites at Coventry and Birmingham. Neither has room to build sufficient cars to make the £200 million investment worthwhile. Ford, owner of Jaguar, is expected to favour an American plant

from its worldwide empire. School extended

Thousands of 16-year-olds will be forced to stay on at school for an extra two months from next year in an attempt to improve examination results. Those not intending to take GCSE will no longer be allowed to leave at Easter, Estelle Morris, the Education Minister, said. Pupils will have to stay on until at least June, giving them a last chance to sit examinations.

### Diana's driver drank for six hours before crash triate community. He left the

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HENRI PAUL, the chauffeur at the centre of the investigation into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, had spent at least six hours drinking in various bars during the afternoon and evening before the accident, according to police

M Paul, the deputy security director of the Paris Ritz, was also killed in the car crash beneath the Place de l'Alma which claimed the lives of the princess and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed, After a series of blood tests confirming he had been more than three times over the legal alcohol limit for driving. M Paul's body was finally released by the authorities at the weekend but his family has agreed to bury rather than cremate him, in the unlikely event that further

tests are required. The funeral is expected to take place in M Paul's home town of Lorient, in Brittany, on Saturday. The cremation of the body, in accordance with his family's wishes, will not take place until the investigation is finally completed, a process that is expected to take up to a year.

Over the past week, as details of M Paul's life have emerged, investigators have gradually built up a more by the English-speaking expa-

Spanish tourist took teddy bear

Guillermo Hernandez-Setien, 36, a tourist from Vizcaya in Spain, was fined £100 yesterday for stealing a small teddy bear and dried flowers from outside Kensington Palace, two of the tributes to the Princess. David Kennett-Brown, the Marylebone magistrate, described the theft as a "despicable act". For the defence, it was said that the unemployed electrician had come to pay his respects to the Princess and had taken the tributes as his memento.

complete picture of the last, alcohol-filled hours of the driver's life. After meeting the Princess and Mr Fayed at Le Bourget airport, M Paul returned to the Ritz at around 4.00pm on the day of accident. His next three hours are believed to have been spent in a bar at the hotel.

His drinking companions have not been officially identified. At 7.00pm M Paul went off duty and repaired to Harry's Bar on the Rue Daunou. just two hundred yards from the hotel, a long-established

bar at 9.45pm, and stopped briefly at another bar, Le Champmeslé.

Having received a call on his mobile telephone instructing him to return to the Ritz. M Paul collected his own car, a battered Austin, from near his apartment in the rue des Petits Champs, and drove back to the hotel. According to a report in Time magazine, surveillance cameras show that M Paul required several manoeuvres to get into a parking space near the building although there was plenty of room for his car.

M Paul is believed to have returned to the Ritz bar for several more drinks, variably described as pineapple juice and pastis by witnesses, before driving off from the rear entrance with the couple and their bodyguard at 12.20am. The claims that M Paul spent one and possibly two periods drinking in the Ritz have raised further questions over whether management should have been aware that he was in no state to drive.

☐ Police authorities have given instructions that Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash, should be prevented from seeing anyone in hospital other than his immediate family as he recovers from serious face, head and

# Palace rebuts funeral 'lies'

as a snub to the Queen, But

the Palace denied any rift be-

tween the families. Lord Spen-

cer is the Queen's godson and

his sister Jane is married to

her most senior courtier, Sir

Robert Fellowes. "Stories of

disputes between the Royal

Family and the Spencer family

are false," the Palace said,

"The funeral arrangements

were made in less than a week,

Inevitably there were some minor differences over points

of detail but these were swiftly

Continued from page i posals to modernise the Royal

Family - among them the abolition of the civil list. These stories were inaccurate, according to a royal aide. The weekend reports came

on top of a "completely untrue" broadcast last week on Channel 4 News, which claimed that the Prince had been infuriated by the Queen's stance over the funeral. The programme said that the Queen had ordered that the Princess's body should not go to any of the royal palaces and that she should have a private funeral. "These stories are the direct opposite of the truth," the Palace said yesterday.

Earl Spencer's funeral ad-

dress was interpreted by some

and amicably resolved." The Channel 4 report of a furious row in which the Prince of Wales told Sir Robert to "impale himself on his own flagstaff" was also untrue. Buckingham Palace said. Sir Robert had played a key role

in liaising between the two families and it was he who passed on the Queen's offer to restore the Princess's HRH

Furthermore, the Queen had not vetoed a new set of stamps commemorating the Princess, the statement concluded. In line with the Spencer family's wishes, Buckingham Palace had asked the Post Office to hold fire while a number of proposals — in-cluding statues, fountains and

gardens - were considered. A spokeswoman for Lord Spencer confirmed that and said: "There is no rift between... the Spencer family and the Royal Family, there never has been and - one hopes - there never will be."

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in the brawl, which left three French internationals in hosontal two nursing broken moses and another with a severely bitten tinger.

One witness likened me tray to something out of the Wild West, with blood on the floor and bottles, chairs and classes flying throught the mr. French notice resorted to gargis to oring the braving players drinks after the match, which

Sports Minister The light between members Yesterday the Pontypridd Ne's, Date MeIntosh, the hooker, Phil John, and a tempered European Cupcentre. Andre Bernard, were

placed under formal legal investigation by Michel Robin, the Brive public prosecu-for, on suspicion of "causing damage and violence". Two other Pentypridd players Steele Lewis, a centre, and the Martyn Williams, a flanker -were released from police

custokly after questioning Both teams have accused the other of starting the fightin Le Touline bur where the brench term gathered for

in French bar they won by one point. The Welsh players claimed the fight started when they were hit by a flying bottle, but the French maintain Pontypridd were intent on revenge for The injured French players were named as Phillippe Carbonneau, a scrum-half, and Christophe Lamaison and David Vendetti, both centres Lamaison, who suffered a broken nose, said the Welsh players entered the bar at about 10.30pm, "Two of them-

> They pounced on Philippe Carbonneau. The Welsh players were then reportedly ejected, but later returned and another began. They smashed everything. I have never been so scared in my life. We've been through a real night mare," Lomaison added. the but, owned by the

opened up the hostilities.

their defeat.

former Brive player Jean-Marie Soubira, who suffers from leukaemia, was wrecked. Mr Banks called for strong action to be taken if was proved that Pontypridd players had bought the game into disrepute. "The behaviour of sportsmen and women representing their clubs and country must be beyond reproach. both on and off the pitch."

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Gillian Anderson, star of The \( \lambda - Files \), with her Emmy for best actress

### **British actors** steal show at Emmy awards

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THIS year's Emmy awards for programmes shown on american television had a decidedly British tinge.

Prime Suspect 3: Errors of Judgment scooped its third Emmy as best mini-series, but Helen Mirren, its star, lost the best actress prize in the category to Alfre Woodard for Miss Evers' Boys.

Tracey Ullman, the British comedian who has lived in Hollywood for 14 years, won the best comedy series for Tracey Takes On . . . beating powerful competition from the American comics lar Leno, David Letterman, Bili Maher and Dennis Miller.

'As the Spice Girls would say, 'Girl Power!' I beat the hovs." Ullman proclaimed, "I want to join the Spice Girls as pre-menopausal Spice.

The award for best actress in a drama series went to Gillian Anderson, who was born in Chicago but grew up in North London, for her performance as EBI agent Dana Scully in search of the paranormal in The X-I iles.

Dame Diana Rigg was named best supporting actress for her sinister housekeeper. Mrs Danvers in the adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca.

Michael Caine, nominated as best supporting actor for his portrayal of South Africa's former President, F.W. de Klerk, in Mandela, had his hopes dashed when the award went to Armand

Assante's performance in the gangster movie Gotti. creen turned out in force for the first time since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. organisers screened all 140 photographers in attendance to exclude aggressive paparazi. Fran Drescher, star of The Nanny and a leading critic of the paparazzi, received a frosty reception as she stepped out of her limousine on to the red curpet, with photographers downing their



### **Police** driver in fatal crash avoids jail

By Paul WILKINSON

A POLICE officer whose car went out of control killing a schoolgirl passenger, was yes-terday cleared of causing her death by dangerous driving. PC Adrian Ward was found guilty of the lesser charge of careless driving and fined £500. He also faces the pros-

pect of a civil action brought by the family of the victim, Shelley Simmonite, and an internal disciplinary hearing. The PC, based in Sheffield. was taking the 15-year-old and her friend, Emma Cubbin, to her parents' home for a formal cautioning after the pair had t is been arrested for shoplifting. Emma, also 15, had told Leeds

Crown Court that on the motorway from Sheffield to her home near Rotherham the car touched 120 mph. She also claimed that the officer bragged about how he could go through red traffic lights. On the brow of a hill the unmarked police Astra

crossed the road and hit a van head on. Police experts estimated the car's speed at up to 70 mph in a 50 mph limit. Miss Simmonite died from multiple injuries. Ward was () detained in hospital for eight days with injuries. Louise Godfrey, QC, the

Recorder of Leeds, told Ward that his driving had had terrible and tragic consequences. No sentence could hring back the life.

After the hearing Jane Horton, the family's lawyer, said: Shelley's parents and brother Dale have been devastated by the death. They do not feel that the criminal trial and verdict have provided them with the answer and explanation needed or with justice."

## **American WPC** 'driven out of Met by racism'

THE first Jewish-American woman to join the Metropolitan Police was called a "Yank" and "colonial" by her colleagues and driven from the force by "blind racism", an industrial tribunal was told

Tamara Berton, 50, told the tribunal that she had dreamt of joining the British police and of how proud she had been stepping out in uniform on to the London streets as probationary officer PC 200AB in January 1995.

She said that rapidly soured for her as she was regarded as a "stereotypical, loud, brash American, a Yank and a colonial" by fellow officers at Belgravia police station. Mrs Berton, a divorced mother of one who lives in Soho, has dual American and British nationality. She is claiming antair dismissal before the tribunal in Croydon, South London, on the ground of

racial discrimation. She said her first indication that she would be singled out for such treatment came after



Berton: had dreamt of joining British police

a fortnight at Belgravia when Sergeant Russell Denton, her supervising officer, took her to one side and told her "your lips are too large to wear lipstick, they will stand out".

Mrs Berton, who has a postgraduate degree in criminal justice from Boston University and a degree in marine biology, said that over the next 18 months she was the subject of pranks and vandalism, and her work was constantly criticised by Sergeant Denton and Inspector Peter Brunswick.

Her handwriting came in for criticism and, as a lefthanded person, her ticks were deemed to go the "wrong" way. She was also upbraided for using the American term "mug shot". Mrs Berton said good reports from others were deliberately suppressed. She was dismissed in June last year on the grounds that she was not likely to become "an efficient and well conducted constable".

Mrs Berton, who served as an auxiliary police officer in Boston, visited London in 1985 and inquired about joining the Metropolitan Police. She was rejected because she was not a British citizen. By 1992 qualified for citizenship and was accepted for training at Hendon Police College in June

Mrs Berton said she was put down relentlessly and she believed all good reports of her work were probably in a ghost file at New Scotland Yard. At a meeting with an assistant commissioner at which she was eventually sacked, a sealed letter of dismissal was already on his desk, she said. The hearing continues.



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# Indian restaurants may no longer be all the Raj

By Lin Jenkins

INDIAN restaurants are being urged to declare independence from ubiquitous flock wallpaper, velvetine seats and names redolent of the dying days of empire.

The trade journal for the curry industry says that names such as Last Days of the Raj. Bengal Lancer. Jewel in the Crown and Viceroy conjure images of colonialism which are inappropriate 50 years after British rule. Sticking to notions of the public's perception of colonial India is damaging the industry, says an editorial by Iqbal Wahhab, editor

of Tandoori. Do they think that by bringing a theme of colonial India their customers will feel like kings?" he asks, "If so, they are mistaken. All

they think is that here is a corny interpretation of a part of British history that is best forgotten. At worst, they will take the view that if a colonial image is what the restaurant wishes, then they will oblige by treating the waiters like servants.

When will we learn that India has moved on, that there is a free, modern India that we can talk of. When will we stop treating ourselves like second-class citi-

zens and begin to walk tall?" He praises a few of the newer London curry restaurants such as Soho Spice, Vama and Chor Bizarre which attract a cosmopoliian clientele. "They have no reason to drag up the sordid past. These are the restaurants of the future.

Mr Wahhab said yesterday: "Curry restaurants in the suburbs and towns need to be reinvented. They were devised by first-generation immigrants who built them on what the English thought of India. Their children are British, streetwise and forward looking, and they need to reflect that in their restaurants."

Pat Chapman, author of the Good Curry Guide, and editorial consultant on the magazine, said that customers object to change: "The Bombay Brasserie in London is probably the most famous Indian restaurant in Britain and its interior is vividly colonial. I have never heard tales of staff heing abused

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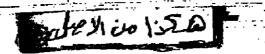
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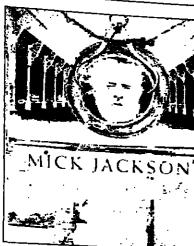
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### **HOME NEWS**

# Erica Wagner, Literary Editor, profiles shortlisted entries for the Booker Prize



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THE UNDERGROUND MAN, by Mick Jackson (Pica-dor, £15.99): the 5th Duke of Portland really did build a network of mysterious tunnels under his Noninghamshire

estate. Mick Jackson,

born in Lancashire

in 1960, has based

the elderly duke in his first novel upon this 19th-century figure. William John Cavendish-Bentinck-Scott digs into his past as he digs into the ground, searching for the key to his disquiet. This intriguing novel chronicles his obsessions and observations: Jackson has created not a pastiche of Victorian literature but something more akin to Mervyn Peake's Gormenghast: a



QUARANTINE, by Jim Crace (Viking, £lo.99): this year two tempted a reworking of the gospels: Norman Mailer and Jim Crace, Crace's powerful fiction leads the

reader into the heat

of the Holy Land's

desert in the com-

pany of five pilgrims intent on making a fast. One of them, a man from Galilee, seems possessed of the miraculous ability to heal the sick. Crace's Jesus transforms the greedy merchant whom he cures and then seems to transform death itself. Crace -now at work on a novel called Being Dead - is a visceral writer, his work evoking landscape in a manner similar to that of William Golding, Odds: 3-1



by Bernard MacLaverty (Cape, £14.99): MacLaverty was born in Belfast in

1942. This is his first

(1983). As the book

opens, Catherine

McKenna, a com-paser, is returning

home from Glasgow

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to Belfast to bury her father. As it closes, she hears the first performance of her symphony. Vernicle the name given to a token worn by pilgrims. The novel is a moving record of her emotional journey as she comes to terms with the loss of love, the birth of her child and her passage to adulthood Its language suffused with the patterns of music that fill Catherine's mind, this is a powerful, lyrical book. Odds: 2-1 fav



EUROPA, by Tim Parks (Secker and Warburg, [9.99]: Parks sets his work on the road when he



puts a group of language lecturers on a coach from Milan to Strasbourg\_to petition the European Parliament for employment rights. Jerry Marlowe, the

novel's British narrator, is officially part of the deputation, but unofficially he is on the trip to feed his romantic obsession for a French colleague for whom he left his wife and daughter. Parks turns a sharp eve on love and loss, with the rolling coach as a plush container for the narrator's regrets and longings. It is a novel distinguished by mordant wit and elegant observation. Odds: 5-1



Arundhati Roy (Fla-mingo, £15.99): Roy's first novel has caused excitement excitement

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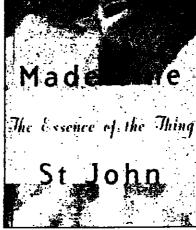
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manuscript and called it a master-piece. A bidding war secured more than £1 million in advances for the 37-year-old writer. In her native India, the caste-breaking love scene between a Christian woman and an outcast Hindu has provoked an obscenity trial. The action concerns the drowning of an Anglo-Indian girl and the romance of her cousins' mother with

since her British





Madeleine St John (Fourth Estate, £9.99): St John's third novel is, on the surface, a conventional tale of a romance gone wrong. Nicola has lived with Jonathan for six years; one day she pops out to buy a

packet of cigarettes and is informed upon her return that their relationship is over. What follows is her coming to terms with life. St John, born in Australia but now living in London, has a strong sense of social comedy, much of it at the expense of middle-class manners and mores. Her novel picks through the detritus of a relationship to try to discover the quality her title suggests. Odds: 9-2

# Royal Family is irrelevant, says new history book

A NEW book on the history of Britain has described the Royal Family as increasingly irrelevant and dismissed the Empire as little more than a setting for the film industry. The Oxford Companion to

British History, published yesterday by Oxford University Press, criticises leading politicians and paints a damning picture of the Army, the Secret Service and famous figures from the more distant past.

It was written by 100 leading history academics mainly from British universities, alsome are fron United States, Canada and the United Arab Emirates. They were chosen by John Cannon, Professor Emeritus at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, for their expertise.

The book describes Baronss Thatcher as "overbearing and shrill" and the late John Smith as much respected but not perhaps as good as he was painted". George Brown is labelled "a political irrelevance" and Ted Heath's Government "a failure". Brendan Smith, lecturer in history at Bristol University, said: "It sounds like a very good undergraduate essay that's trying to shock but I wouldn't give it a

"It sounds like a relentless attempt to shock at the expense of any sort of analysis. It might provoke initial interest but that's as far as it goes."

Anthony Howe, senior lecturer in International History at the London School of Economics, said: "Some of the judgments are clearly impresmeasured appreciation. For example, to dismiss Thatcher in that way is a partisan judgment because there are others who would emphasise the positive aspects of Thatcherism."

Only three 20th-century Prime Ministers emerge from the volume unscathed: Churchill is described as Britain's greatest Prime Minister, Att-lee as the most successful of peacetime leaders and Lloyd

George is credited with having had the greatest impact on British public life.

The book attacks the Royal Family for being as confused as their subjects and in dan-, not merely of being left behind, but of seeming increasingly irrelevant.

It says that the Empire did not profit Britain as much as once thought but "provided the British film industry. while it lasted, with some splendid locations and plots". The Army is described as "ill' equipped to cope with changes Britain's role in the world, socially reactionary and badly in need of reform". The Secret Service has made "some terrible errors" and its achievements have been "mixed".

A spokesman for Oxford University Press said: "This is a dramatic reinterpretation of British history. It sheds new light on many aspects of life. including frank and cutting reappraisals of Establishment institutions and people."



Cardinal Hume at the launch in London yesterday of his book and video

### Cardinal hides and seeks God's truth

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Archbishop of Westminster has turned a game of hide-and-seek played with two children into a spiritual storybook modelled on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Basil in Blunderland describes Cardinal Basil Hume's meditations as he hunts for and hides from the children in a larder, behind a clock, in a cupboard and under a piano. The 74-year-old cardinal has until now kept his lighter, more humorous side guarded from all but a few, but Basil in Blunderland depicts him in childlike, playful mood.

The book was inspired by a holiday with a family in Invernessshire in 1979. Kate, aged about nine, and her younger brother, Barney, ask the cardinal to play hide-and-seek with them. He decides to play but, as a Benedictine monk, has to do his required half-hour meditation along the way. "The hiding places suggest he says.

In the video accompanying the

book, the cardinal plays himself as he runs from room to room, chasing or being chased by Kate and Barney. played by child actors, in the game of sardines: He is depicted scoffing biscuits in the larder with Barney a they wait to be discovered by Kate and hiding in a stair cupboard.

In the larder, he meditates on whether eating the food would be an act of stealing, even if nobody except God could see. "God is not the kind of

person who is watching you all the time to catch you out," he says.

Hiding with Barney beside telephone, he ponders on prayers which, like telephone calls, can seem to go unanswered. "God answers prayers in His way and not in ours." he says. Finally, when one of the children falls and grazes a knee, the cardinal, hiding beside a medicine chest, meditates on the meaning of sickness, suffering and death.

All profits will go to charity, with profits from a limited edition including a meditation on the death of Diana, Princess of Wales going to the fund set up in her memory.

Basil in Blunderland (Darton. Longman & Todd; book £7.95, video





of the Archbishop's video

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### Radio 3 offers audience sweet sound of silence

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

RADIO 3 has unwrapped a new weapon in the war against members of the audience who perform sweetwrapper solos during live recordings the rustle-free cough lozenge.

The throat sweets, in waxed paper wrappers, are being distributed at the start of concerts being broadcast live. BBC trials during the summer were so successful that they are being distributed free for all live recordings. Along with bleeping wrist-

watches, mobile phones and the hearing aid feedback solo, rustling wrappers are one of the banes of the sound recordist's life. Ironically, many of the unwrappers have brought the sweets to stop them coughing at the wrong moment.

The rustle-free sweets were thought up by Radio 3's marketing manager, James Pestell, who was originally looking for a way of spreading the station's name. He said: "It was intended as a marketing tool to emphasise Radio 3's commitment to live recordings, but they have been so popular that they are now going to be standard issue at all our concerts.

"People seem to regard them as a souvenir and take away a handful or two, but they serve a serious purpose. They are basic menthol-based cough sweets and have quite a kick. There is no excuse for coughing when you have one in your mouth.

Rustle-free lozenges will be offered to audiences who turn

up to hear Friday's perfor-

No 6 and Beethoven's Appassionata at the St George's Music Hall in Bristol which are being recorded. Suzanne Clatworthy. administrator of St George's, which has particularly sensitive acoustics, said: "We want people to come and enjoy the music but not to ruin what

they come to hear. If a concert is being broadcast live it is essential that the audience doesn't rustle throughout.

"If a pianist has been working up to the highlight of a piece for 15 minutes, that moment can be ruined by someone coughing or rustling. Some people think that, if the music has come to a

louder piece, it is all right to cough. But everyone uses the same opportunity and so it can become a problem." The makers of the rustlefree wrappers refused yesterday to divulge the secret process involved. Martin Howitt, managing director of Grantham Manufacturing Ltd in Lincolnshire, said: "We came up with a special paper

which is waxed and has a special ingredient to reduce

the noise as well. "That ingredient factor X, comes into play between printing and waxing the paper. This means that it doesn't rustle like plastic. Some customers like the noise of wrappers and ask us for more noise. This was one of the few times we have been

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# Loch Lomond to be first Scottish national park

By Shirley English

SCOTLAND'S first national park, covering Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, is to be established by a newly formed Scottish parliament early in the next millennium. it was announced yesterday.

The government pledge comes almost 50 years after national parks were introduced in England and Wales and aims to close a major gap" in the conservation of places of outstanding natural beauty and importance north of the border.

Announcing the plans yes-terday, Donald Dewar, Scottish Secretary, said the Scottish version of the national park would not be a direct import of the English and Welsh models, but would be "designed to meet the particular needs of Scotland".

"I see National Parks here as integrating economic development with the proper protection of the natural heritage. We are looking for a sustainable approach where the requirements of economic and social development are balanced with those of conservation," he said.

Scottish Natural Heritage, the government conservation body, will now identify other areas in Scotland that may benefit from national park status and draw up proposals with local authorities. The Cairngorms are likely to be added to the list.

Yesterday Malcolm Payne, 64. of the Scottish Council for National Parks, said: "This is what we have been waiting

Hannah Stirling, 82, from Tarbet, who founded Friends of Loch Lomond in 1978 to stop a hydro-electric development there, also welcomed the plans, but said they should be introduced immediately to reverse the area's environmental decline. Un fettered growth of power boats, unsympathetic com mercial developments, and the litter dropped by five million tourists each year were just some of the prob-

lems, she said. The Scottish countryside is currently protected by a range of schemes, including sites o special scientific interest, regional parks, national nature reserves and national scenic been left vulnerable because none has planning powers. which remain with the local



Loch Lomond, which, with The Trossachs to the east, is to be Scotland's first National Park. It will be established early in the next century

# Hospital infections kill more than road crashes amid heart

MORE people die each year of infections caught in hospital than are killed on the roads, according to a report published today.

Infections are solely respon-sible for at least 5,000 deaths a year and are partly responsi-ble for a further 15,000. Last year the number of road casualties fell to 3,598, the lowest since records were started in 1926. The number peaked at 7.985 in 1965 and has been declining steadily since.

Hospital-acquired infections, however, continue to increase. Although accurate records do not exist, the cost of treating those infected runs into tens of millions of pounds. o me Health Economics. The estimated bill for treating patients who became ill after surgery amounted to £170 million in 1993, and this group represented only a quarter of all those infected in hospital.

The report uses 1996 Department of Transport figures which estimate that the cost to the economy of a life lost in a road accident is £841,000. On this basis the estimated addiA disturbing side-effect of medical

treatment is costing millions of

pounds a year, reports Ian Murray

tional annual cost of the 5,000 deaths directly attributable to hospital-acquired infection is £4.2 billion. This does not include the cost of the 15,000 others who died after complications caused by an infection caught during treatment.

The report says that on average one patient in 16 becomes infected in hospital. increasingly so with bacteria that prove resistant to antibihave to remain in hospital longer than those who recover normally, one patient in ten at any one time is there solely because of an infection acquired after admission.

These longer stays take up beds that could be used to treat other patients, amounting to at least a million "bed days" lost to the health service every year. With patients being re-leased earlier, many who have succumbed to an infection before discharge have to be treated outside, putting extra strains on GPs, health visitors,

nursing homes and commun-

ity care services. An outbreak of an infection that is resistant to antibiotics can be very expensive. One case which lasted two years cost £403,600, involving ward closures, cancellations of operations and admissions. Cases ity of the hospital and can wreck the reputation of staff.

Although little can be done to prevent most hospital infections, at least a third are preventable, the report says. Britain, however, does not spend enough on the necessary staff. Whereas the recommended quota for infectioncontrol nurses is one per 250 beds, the average in Britain is only per 477 beds, with one in

five such nurses employed to survey more than 750 beds.

The report argues that spending more on specialist staff saves money. A 20 per cent cut in hospital-acquired infection would save £15.6 million a year, a 32 per cent cut would save £29.3 million and a 50 per cent cut would save £50 million.

The Government announced a £250,000 scheme yesterday to help to reduce the millions of pounds wasted on unused medicines. Up to half patients suffering from chronic diseases do not take their medication properly, according to a study by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

patients needed more treatment after failing to take medication. One in five kidney transplant patients were not taking their anti-rejection

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, told the society's conference in Scarborough that the money would be spent on getting patients to take medicines "at the right time and in the right quantities".

# Diet drugs withdrawn risk fears

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO diet drugs have been withdrawn from the market after being linked to serious heart damage. Fenfluoramine. sold as

Ponderax, and dexfenfluoramine (Adifax) were withdrawn by their manufacturer. Servier Laboratories. The company had taken the same action in America at the request of the Food and Drug Administration, which found evidence this year of heart valve damage in some users. Servier said, however, that

60 million people had been treated with fenfluoramine over 35 years, and 10 million with dexfenfluoramine over 12 years, and there had been no evidence of heart valve damage during that time.

The Department of Health says it believes that "tens of thousands" of prescriptions are written for the two drugs every year. This year the Royal College of Physicians recommended tighter restrictions on their use.

### Lawsuits make **NHS** appoint risk specialists

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LITIGATION against hospitals is growing at such a rate that the average district general hospital now has 50 to 100 people suing it at any one time it is claimed today. As a result, a whole industry has evolved to deal with the increasing level of complaints and legal action in the NHS.

The final part of a Radio 4 series, Lawsuits and Liniment. tonight points out that one symptom is that trust hospitals have appointed litigation or risk managers to deal with potential claimants and avoid future mistakes. Mark Savage, the producer.

in medical negligence have seen the work pour in, although most people accept that litigation is like plastic surgery - few of those who have been through the process go away satisfied."

Efforts are being made on all fronts to find away to avoid the courts. he added. "Hospitals are looking at best practice, and the legal profession is experimenting with mediation and promoting the message that it's good to talk."

In tonight's programme, Lawyers and Litigation Managers. Jane Chapman, risk manager at Northwick Fark and St Mark's Hospital NHS Trust near Harrow, North London, says that in the trust's first year, she dealt with six claims for compensation. In the first three months of this year, there were three times that number: "Sometimes two or three arrive in the same post. In common with every trust that has an obstetrics unit, we have claims where babies are born less than claims for brain-damaged babies which may or not be as a result of hospital care.

"At the other end of the spectrum, we have people claiming for quite minor problems like a scar being slightly larger than they anticipated or being in slightly more pain than they anticipated."

Claims at the top end of the spectrum are now often in excess of £1 million.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF Sky fined for leaflets that misled viewers

BSkyB was fined £5,000 with £4,001 costs after leaflets failed to make clear that watching last year's Bruno-Tyson boxing match would cost £9.95 extra. The case at Shrewsbury was brought by Shropshire trading standards officers. Sky admitted two charges relating to misleading information, but said it had tried to reduce the problem with national publicity. The stipendiary magistrate, Phillip Browning, said: "Sky did not set out to defraud, but they unintentionally misled."

### Attack boy wakes

A policeman's son has emerged from a coma six days after being beaten by a gang of Asian youths, allegedly in retribution for a racist attack Daniel Moore, 12, of Hounslow. West London, suffered a fractured skull and underwent brain surgery.

### Death remands

Five people were remanded in custody by magistrates in Bury, near Manchester, charged with the morder of Christian Rodgers, 2l, who suffered head injuries after falling through the rear doors of a minibus on the M66 near Bury on Friday.

### £3m clergyman

A retired clergyman from Exmouth. Devon, has died aged 100 and left £3 million to the Church of England and its charities. Canon Leslie Brasnett, the last of his line, inherited family estates in Oxfordshire from his brother. who died aged 95.

### Roman route

Part of a Roman road has been discovered during work on a sewer near Stanton Fitzwarren, Wiltshire. Ar-chaeologists believe it was the main route from a nearby villa to the highway between Silchester, south of Reading. and Cirencester.

### Matchless result

The Devon Football Association has banned Geoff Arnold. 46, a referee, for five years for reporting a match that did not take place. One side had only four players and wanted to avoid a fine. The clubs were pended for seven years.

### Flash of anger

A driver caught by a speed trap drove home for a rope and returned to try to tow the camera away. William Potter. admitted criminal damage and perverting the course of justice and was fined £400 at **Bristol Crown Court.** 

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### CJD risk 'is trebled by eating beef regularly' By Ian Murray, Medical correspondent

EATING beef regularly appears to have trebled the risk of catching Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, according to the lifth annual survey by the special-ist unit in Edinburgh set up to monitor the illness. Those eating brains even very occasionally ran a fourfold higher risk of catching the disease.

The report is the first since the new variant of the illness was identified but it found no convincing evidence of specific dietary risk factors. The surunit nevertheless agrees that the most plausible explanation of the new variant is exposure to "mad cow" disease before the introduction of the offal ban in 1989. Publication of the report coincided with the creation of a special epidemiology group, chaired by Professor Peter Smith of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, to consider the data on the new variant and to spot emerging

The report is based on a study of the eating habits of the 187 cases of classic CJD identified between 1990 and 1996. The findings show there was almost a threefold increase in risk associated with consuming beef every month and a 3.3-fold increase among those eating it weekly. There

has been suspicion about the risks from eating lamb and the study found some people cating the meat on a monthly basis appeared to be at increased risk compared with those eating it less often. The difference is so slight that the link between the disease and the meat cannot be clearly

The authors say the incidence of the illness increased from an average 24.8 cases a year before the BSE epidemic in 1984 to 34.5 between 1990 and 1996. Levels in Britain were comparable to those elsewhere in the world, includ-

### CORRECTIONS ☐ Ann Iverson, chief execu-

tive of Laura Ashley, does not sit on the company's remuneration committee (report, Sep-

☐ Gus Macdonald, executive chairman of Scottish Media. will not continue to receive his present salary when, at the beginning of next year, he becomes part-time non-executive chairman (City Diary, September 10).

tember 11).

### Karmele Ereno

A report (September 27, 1996) about Diarmuid O'Neill, the IRA suspect shot dead by police in London earlier that month, speculated that his Basque girlfriend. Karmele Ereno, acted as a go-between for the IRA and the Basque terrorist organisation ETA. This suggestion was without foundation and we apologise to Ms Ereno.

### Leukaemia cases halted by research

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO test cases claiming a link between leukaemia and electromagnetic fields have been shelved, after American research failed to provide evidence.

Legal aid had been granted to fund the cases on behalf of Tom Loxton, 12, who lives in a block of flats near a pylon and developed leukaemia three years ago, and the parents of Simon Studholme, 12. who died in 1992. His home in North Manchester was next to an electricity sub-station.

The actions have been awaiting findings from the American National Cancer Research Institute in Washington, and a British study being co-ordinated by Sir

Richard Doll. Now the Washington study has published its findings, which do not con-firm a link. The larger British study will not produce its findings until next year.

Grid Company and Norweb, said last night. "The findings were sufficiently negative to make them believe at this time that it is unlikely that electric and magnetic fields are a cause of childhood leukaemia," The statement by the companies said they hoped "that the British public will be reassured by this important new scientific development in relation to electromagnetic

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# Shoppers urged to save English apple growers

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MANY English apple growers are facing bankruptcy after the worst season for many decades, it was claimed yesterday. The crop, which in recent years has been about \$5,000 tonnes, has been halved by severe late spring frieds and periods of cold, windy condi-tions during the summer.

The poor harvest is likely to accelerate years of decline and the loss of traditional apple orchards from counties such as Kent and Suffolk.

Adrian Barlow, chairman of the Cox\_Campaign, which markets English apples, said he expected 50 growers to fold this year because of the poor emp. Some experts put the figure as high as 100. Several growers were likely to switch to other fruits or crops, "This year we have had catastrophic conditions that have not been faced by growers since 1934.7

Mr Barlow said that many of the English apples going into shops had frost eye and russetting, markings which may make them appear unpalatable. He urged retailers and consumers to ignore the markings and help to prevent

growers going to the wall. "We want everyone to realise that marking in no way impairs eating quality. Before modern farming methods, it was thought that a Cox only tasted good when it had a bit



Markings on the skin do not affect the quality

of rusting. Now, due to the uniformity of many fruit and vegetables, many consumers are put off by marking, and this could cause growers big problems this season. particularily with so many imported apples expected to flood the market," he said.

ports. Forty years ago there were 3,000 commercial grow-

ers of apples in this country.

but in recent years a mixture

of cheap imports, such as French Golden Delicious, and

EU grants of £10.5 million to

grub up orchards have pushed

the figure down to about 650.

reducing production across

the Community, but hard-

pressed British growers, rath-

er than the big continental

farms, have been more likely

to take them up.

The grants were aimed at

The terrible year for English apples has been blamed on the warm weather in April, which brought on blossom faster than usual. "Then we had acute damage from two late frosts on April 21 and on May o." Mr Barlow said. The early summer brought strong winds, rain and very cold weather.

The hot August has meant that those apples that have survived are sweet. However, come on early, making apples difficult to store beyond Christmas. "The bottom line is that if consumers don't support us this year and buy the apples while they can, they

will find it increasingly diffi-cult to buy English Coxes in the future." Mr Barlow said. About seven out of ten commercially grown dessert ap-ples in Britain are Coxes. English Gala appear to have escaped the effects of the weather, but ancient lines such as Slap Me Girl. Tang Harvey and Pig's Nose have not. English orchards have been under pressure since Britain joined the Common Market, which has allowed cheap im-

Elaine Griffiths inside the decaying Monastery of St Francis in Manchester

### World recognition raises hopes for ruined monastery

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A VICTORIAN monastery stripped bare by vandals and left to crumble in the elements has been declared one of the world's hundred most important endangered buildings.

The Monastery of St Francis, in Gorton, Manchester, was the spiritual home for its inner-city flock for more than 100 years after its consecration in 1872. But its congrega-tion disappeared with the Franciscan friars left in 1989. its redbrick and stone splendour fell into ruin.

The monastery is one of four British buildings put on the "most endangered" list by the World Monuments Fund, based in New York. The others are the Mussenden Temple, a rotunda built on the Northern Ireland coast by the Earl of Bristol in 1783, the St Vincent Street Church in Glasgow and the Hadlow Tower in Kent They join more imposing and betterknown buildings, such as the Alexander Palace in St

Petersburg. The aim of the fund is to identify "eminent and unsung" buildings in need and match them with sources of funding. So far more than £2.5 million has been provided by American Express and other donors to help those on

last year's list. The Grade II listed Gorton monastery was built by the leading neo-Gothic architect Edwin Welby Pugin and was considered the most beautiful parish church in the North of England. Now its statues have been stolen, the roof is exposed and the interior has been damaged by fire.

Last year it was offered a new lease of life when a charitable trust was launched to restore it. Elaine Griffiths, the chairman, said: "It is incredible to think the building will be included among some of the world's greatest architectural landmarks. We can now apply for much-needed cash to repair the monastery and, with a lottery bid we will submit shortly. I don't see what can stop Gorton's magnificent monument from being saved."

# Hepatitis link to

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have discovered searcher from Duke Univer-

of regenerating the liver, but cer, Dr Randy Jirtle, who has been working with Angus De Souza of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals in Cheshire, said. When they suffered further damage in the course of detoxifying chemicals, they could not repair it and developed into

tumours, the team reports in the Proceedings of the Nat-Large numbers are infected

with hepatitis C. many as a result of blood transfusions. The British Liver Trust estimates there are about 500,000 infected in this country; how many will develop liver cancer is unknown. Infection rates

from hepatitis B are lower. not clear, but it may be that the virus favours the survival of cells that can grow more easily than normal ones. Another possibility is that these cells are protected from being killed by the infection,

# cancer uncovered

why people infected with hepatitis B and C are at greater risk of liver cancer. The infection favours the growth of liver cells which lack the gene that normally protects against cancer, according to a re-

sity in North Carolina. The cells were still capable ional Academy of Science.

while normal cells are not.

## Risk in living off fat of the land



tions in medicine is that while longevity is related to social class the affluent live longer an extensive diet rich in red meat apparently increases the risk of some cancers.

The latest reports of Coma, the committee on medical aspects of food policy, and the World Cancer Research Fund are said to recommend against having more than 140 grams (50z) of red meat a day. As this is about twice the intake of British people, it may be of more importance to travellers, and may persuade them not to finish their American steaks.

It is likely that the fat between the fibres of the joint — which gives it its flavour - and the skin is responsible for any increase in malignancies. A heavy consumption, however of some particular forms of meat - those, for instance, which have been smoked — may be involved in an increased incidence of stomach cancer.

in a woman, cancer of the gall bladder and body of the uterus has the most clearly defined relationship to obesity, frequently related to a high-fat, highcalorie diet and there is a less obvious relationship between overeating and cancer of the breast and cervix. In both sexes, there is some association between cancer of the colon and fat intake, but the connection is more marked in men. Prostate cancer is probably more common in

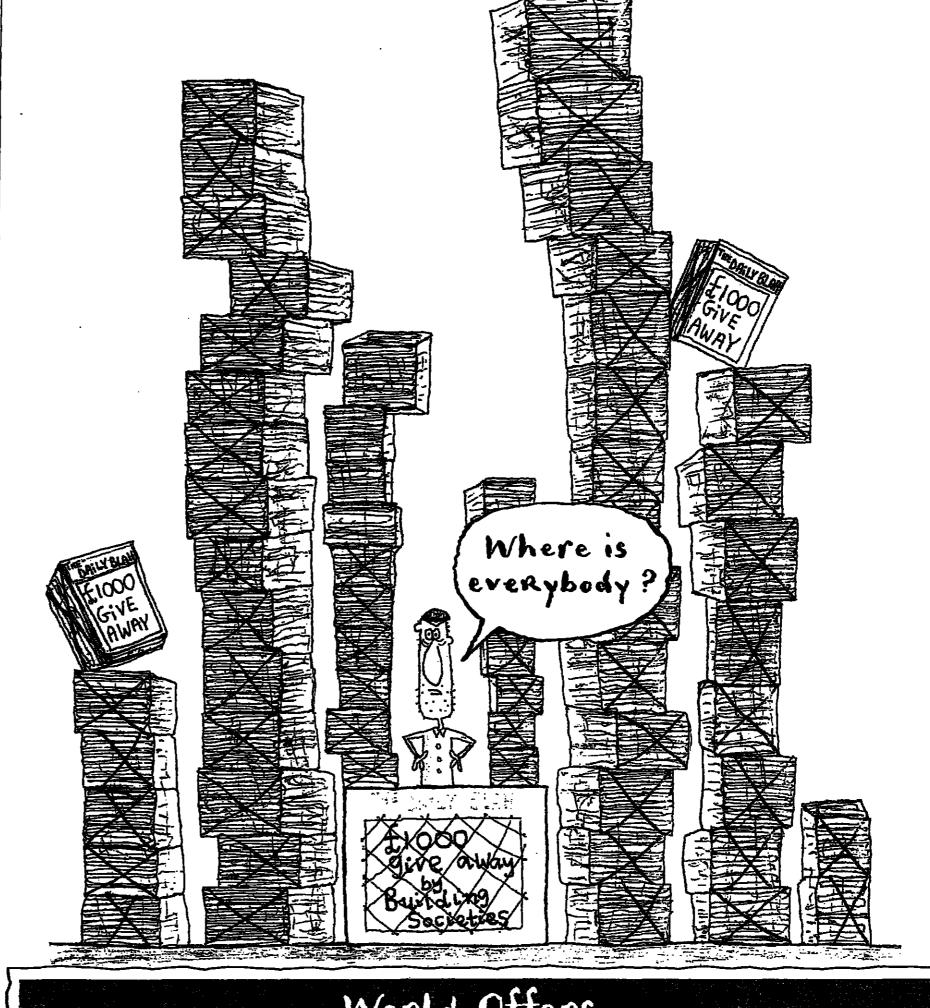
overweight men. The association between the cancers is likely to be connected to the effect of a high-fat diet on hormone production.

The latest reports draw conclusions from an old story. During the Second World War, the study of nutrition became of great importance. An unexpected finding in animal experiments was that the number of cancers could be in-creased by overfeeding.

Few doctors now doubt that diet has some influence on liability to develop some forms of cancer. Risk will be reduced to some extent by a diet rich in fresh fruit and vegetables, with a high fish content - particularly if the fish has not been smoked or artificially preserved - and enough fibre to keep the bowels working regularly, but not so much as to reduce absorption of vitamins and other essential elements. A highcalorie diet, over-rich in fat and fat-laden red meat,

tends to increase risk. Social and economic factors confuse the picture. particularly as obesity is related to class, and hence to the availability of good medicine, which can contribute to survival. Balanced nutrition is allimportant. There are not so much good and bad foods. but a good diet. The disadvantages of burgers may be compounded by chips which often go with them.

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THE TIMES

# MPs threaten to fight for changes after Welsh vote

REBEL Labour MPs warned the Government vesterday that they would campaign to

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that they would campaign to change the Welsh assembly even if the people of Wales voted for one on Thursday.

Ted Rowlands, Labour MP for Merthyr Tydlit and Rhymney, said that he was still deeply unhappy about the proposals, although he has said he will you in favour of said he will you in favour of devolution. His main objection, which is shared by other Labour MPs sceptical of devolution, is that the quange state in Wales will not be dismantled.

There is also concern about the relationship between the 40 Welsh MPs and the proposed 60 members of the Welsh assembly. There is irritation that members of the assembly executive committee will be called ministers, and that they might undermine the

role of an MP.

Mr. Rowlands, asked: "Do we think there are jobs for 100 full-time politicians? Sixty in the Welsh assembly and 40 at Westminster? From my own parliamentary experience I have great doubts that you need that number." He said the White Paper had "serious flaws" and he signalled that he would raise them during Commons debates on devolution.

The Government has made clear also that in certain circumstances ministers from the Welsh assembly will be able to take part directly in

negotiations in Brussels. Mr Rowlands also expressed fears that the Secretary of State for Wales would be "something of a euroch



of "serious flaws"

Labour dissidents

Education and Employment Secretary, in Welshpool, mid-Wales yesterday pledged that a Welsh assembly would bring better standards to Welsh schools. He said the

Tory legacy in Wales was that one in 10 Welsh pupils left

school without any GCSE qualification, and that teach-

ing numeracy, communica-tion, and information

technology was inadequate in

four out of every ten Welsh

"Just Say No" supporters will launch their final push tonight at a rally in Llandrin-

and Wells to be addressed by

Michael Ancram, the Conser-

vatives' chief spokesman on

constitutional affairs. William

Hague, the Conservative lead-

er and a former Welsh Secre-

tary, will tomorrow make an

appeal to voters to reject the

assembly when he tours

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schools.

will continue to rebel even if there

is support for an assembly, writes

Valerie Elliott

without executive power and without a budget", without the power the position now holds in the Cabinet or unable to negotiate extra cash for Wales.

Ron Davies, Welsh Secretary, has consistently dis-missed the sniping from Labour critics. He has told close colleagues that the opponents to devolution were of the older generation of Labour

There is nervousness, however, that even without a highprofile campaigner urging the Welsh to vote "no", there is still deep uncertainty or apathy among a large body of voters. There was concern yesterday about a poll for HTV Wales, which gave a lead of about 8 per cent to the "yes" campaign. A third of those questioned were still undecided and ministers are anxious

to find out if the Scottish result

has made any impact. Tony Blair, who will campaign in North Wales today, will reiterate the need for Britain to modernise its constitution and for the people of Wales to take part in the reforms. He will seek to assure more anglicised voters that a "yes" vote is not a vote to break-up the United Kingdom.

The Labour Party leadership is aware that some opponents fear the creation of a separatist state. Mr Blair has made clear however that Wales will not have the same powers as Scotland and that key decisions on such issues as social security, defence, security and foreign affairs will continue to be made by the Cabinet for the whole nation. His message will be repeated by a line-up of Cabinet ministers who will campaign

in Wales David Blunkett,



A clear run: Tony Banks on the pitch. It was the same at the shops

### Trying day as Banks team attempts to sell big issue on the street

By Simon de Bruxelles

NOBODY was trying too hard to get in Tony Banks's way yesterday. Not when he was allowed to scene a try on a visit to Cardiff Arms Park, and certainly not when he tried to whip up interest in the Welsh devolution ampaign on a visit to Swansea shopping centre.

Perhaps they were just avoiding the stiff breeze, but many shoppers ducked into doorways as the Sports Minister and his entourage ap-proached. Some of the scurrying shoppers looked the other way with almost exactly the same expression they wore while pretending not to see a Big Issue seller with a sleeping bag and bull terrier.

So Mr Banks cornered the Big Issue seller, named Liewellyn. He was not alone in being thoroughly confused about the campaign, which has been dogged by apathy. Afterwards, Liewellyn complained that he had not yet witnessed any benefit to come from devolution: "As far as I'm concerned, it's just a lot of people talking nonsense on the telly."

Elaine Kavanagh was one of several who complained that they had yet to receive any of the muchheralded public information pamphlets through their letter boxes. She said: "I'm inclined not to vote at all

unless someone can tell me what the benefits will be to Wales. How can we vote without know what the issues are?"

Finding a Welsh person in the small group distributing leaflets and lapel stickers in the pedestrian precinct was not easy. "I'm just down from London for the week to help out," said one. Another Labour activist who preferred not to be named had come from Northampton to lend his support and hand out

Vote Yes balloons. Earlier, Mr Banks had put on a track suit and posed for photographs with the Cardiff rugby team, who generously allowed him to score a try. He was anxious to protest that he was not just a token Cockney parachuted in to pep up the cam-paign. His wife, Sally, is from Carmarthen.

Mr Banks said: "Besides the family connection. I have a very direct political interest in the campaign as, after Wales, it will be London's turn to vote for more local democracy and an elected body to represent its interests. I can't honestly see why anyone would vote against more autonomy for their community. To me, it just seems like

# Bishop backs Blair's right to pick clergy

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE man who is understood to have been rejected for the job of Bishop of Liverpool by the Prime Minister has defended Tony Blair's constitutional right to exercise a choice.

The Right Rev Gavin Reid, Bishop of Maidstone and a close friend of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was speaking amid renewed calls for disestablishment of the Church after Mr Blair exercised his right to reject the two candidates put forward by the Crown Appointments Commission for Liverpool, one of the most prestigious bishopries in England.

Bishop Reid, o3. said that Mr Blair had "a constitu-tional right to do this and it would be a bit disturbing if he never used it. "As someone who believes in the value of establishment, I welcome a Prime Minister who believes in these

matters.
"Until the Government and the people of this country do not want establishment. I do not think the Church should be thinking of abandoning it." However, he said it was

speculation to suggest that his name had been put forward to succeed the Right Rev David Sheppard. "I would be amazed if my name had been put forward, because it is not in the custom of the commission to offer diocesan jobs to people of my age.

The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York and a former member of the com-mission, said he had become a convert to disestablishment. He called for the process by which bishops are appointed to be reviewed, and said it was time for the Church to sever its links with the State.

He said the present process led to the appointment of bland bishops who were "clones" of the Archbishop of the Canterbury at the time. "Because eight of the 12 members of the commission have to agree on a forward, this means that the names agreed are inevitably those that nobody objects to. This means that the mavericks never get through. We could do with a few more mavericks."

Downing Street officials

confirmed that Mr Blair, a devout Anglican, was taking an active interest in church affairs and that he had been personally involved in the latest selection process. Mr Blair had asked to see more names before making a choice of which one to put forward to the monarch, who has been responsible for appointing bishops since before the

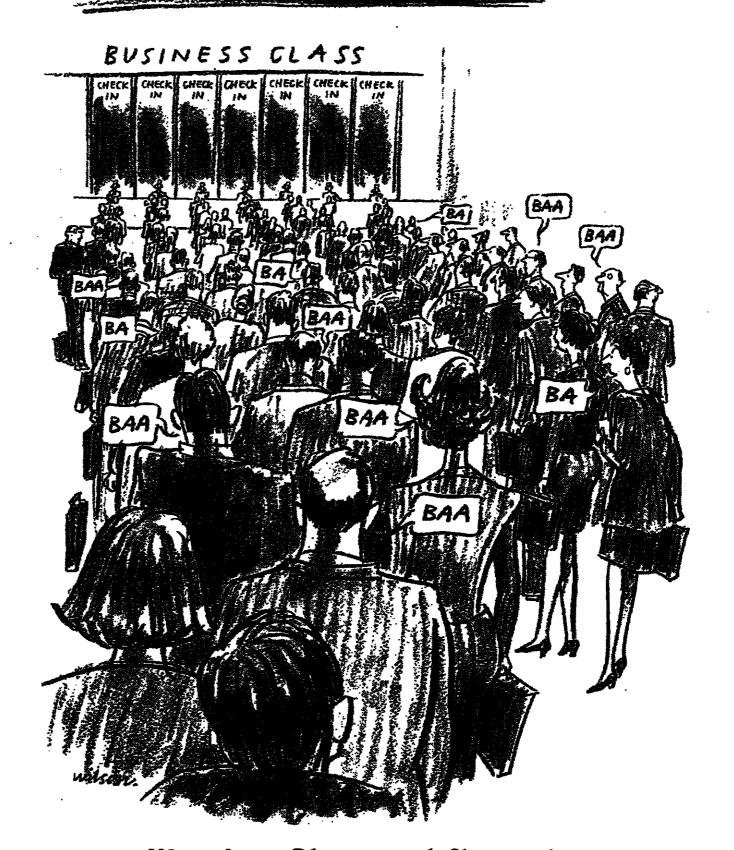
Norman conquest. However. Downing Street sources also made it clear that the two names already put forward had not necessarily been exclud-ed from the final choice.

England is the only part of the Anglican community ectly elected by the Church. Since 1977 a commission has put forward what it considers are the two best

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Austin: said selection process was flawed



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WILLIAM WELD, the patrician

former Republican Governor of

Massachusetts, withdrew his nomi-

nation as American Ambassador to

Mexico yesterday, ceding victory in

the most protracted of Washington's

recent political battles to the conser-

Bowing to inevitable defeat after

last week's theatrical public refusal

by Mr Helms, the chairman of the

Senate Foreign Relations Committee,

to countenance him as President

Clinton's nominee, Mr Weld told the

TWO flat-roofed Arab houses

in annexed east Jerusalem emerged yesterday as a new Middle East flashpoint.

Jewish settlers moved in

under cover of darkness imm-

ediately after Binyamin Net-

anyahu, the Prime Minister,

had pledged to veto an adjoin-ing Jewish housing project. Palestinian leaders and

leading opposition Israeli poli-

ticians condemned the move

as likely to provoke renewed

confrontation and Mr Net-

anyahu condemned the action

Islamic groups, which have

thretened more suicide attacks

in Jerusalem, were quick to

call for retaliation and the

Israeli security forces are braced for riots after Muslim

Labour Party politician and daughter of the late Moshe

Dayan, the war hero, was one of many politicians who came

to the tense area at the foot of

the Mount of Olives. "I hate to

say it, but the next act of

[Palestinian] terror will stem

from here. These settlers will

then be guilty and, what is

more. Mr Netanyahu will be

from their Arab owner with

funds supplied by a Miami-

based magnate, Irving Mosk-owitz, and leased to the settlers. Mr Netanyahu had promised to veto Mr Mosko-

witz's plans to build homes for

70 Jewish families in the Ras

al-Amoud area overlooking al-

The houses were bought

weekly prayers on Friday. Yael Dayan, the leading

vative forces of Jesse Helms.

**WORLD IN BRIEF** 

US troops arrive

Moscow: Five hundred American troops parachuted into

Kazakhstan yesterday at the start of joint peacekeeping

exercises with several former Soviet republics (Robin Lodge

writes). The manoeuvres, the first of their kind to involve

American and Russian troops on former Soviet territory, will

last for six days with a total of 1,400 men from more than a

The exercises are aimed at improving co-ordination

between Nato forces and those of the former Soviet bloc.

General John Sheehan, commander of US Adamic forces,

who was the first to jump, said: The US interest is that the

on ex-Soviet soil

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White House that he would no longer pursue the Mexico job.

In announcing his decision, he was expected last night to seek no further diplomatic role in the Clinton Administration and return to the private sector as an investment banker.

The imbroglio between Mr Helms. a southern arch-conservative, and Mr Weld, a liberal Boston brahmin and member of the East Coast elite. had endured throughout the long summer months, a struggle highlighting the divisions between the radical and moderate wings of the

Republican Party.

Jerusalem fury at

settlers' takeover

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND NICK BLANFORD IN BEIRU

Aqsa Mosque. Hundreds of

heavily armed troops and

border police were sent to

protect the three settler fami-

ilies whose wrecked cars bore

witness to stone-throwing by

local Palestinians soon after

As the settlers moved in according to a pre-arranged plan supported by some lead-

ing right-wingers in the Israeli

Government, the prayer lead-

er in a nearby mosque shouted

to local residents through a

loudspeaker: "Come out and

attack the Zionists. They are

taking your land." Eyad Silwadi, a Palestinian, shout-ed in Hebrew: "Maniacs.

Rabin widow

snubs leader

Jerusalem: The feud be-

tween Yitzhak Rabin's wid-

ow. Leah, and Binyamin

Netanyahu erupted in pub-

lie yesterday as Mrs Rabin

refused permission for the Prime Minister to lay a

wreath at the spot where her

husband was gunned down

by a right-wing extremist in 1995 (Christopher Walker

writes). There is no reason

for such a public relations

trick, for this fraud, this

hypocrisy," she said. Mrs Rabin has accused

Mr Netanyahu of stirring

the incitement campaign against her husband that

encouraged his murderer.

the takeover.

North Carolina senator who has proved the most persistent thorn in the side of Clinton foreign policy, had argued that Mr Weld was too soft on drugs to represent Washington in Mexico, a country plagued by cartels and a main channel for narcotics into

Clinton nominee quits fray

the United States. The former Governor, whose recent misfortune included last year's unsuccessful attempt to win a Senate seat in Massachusetts, openly backs the medical use of marijuana and needle-exchange programmes.

Privately, Mr Helms, who has long shown open contempt for homosex-From the start, Mr Helms, the uals, feminists, campaigners for af-

came at night, like thieves."

The determined settlers

were soon rushing in supplies

of food, attaching strings of Star of David flags to the roofs

of the houses, fitting closed-

circuit television cameras and

plastering the buildings with

stickers proclaiming "Jerusa-

As well as the Jerusalem

troubles, the past six weeks

have witnessed a serious wors-

ening of fighting in southern

Lebanon between Shia Mus-

lim guerrillas, mainly Hezb-

ollah, and the Israeli Army. Yesterday Madeleine Al-

bright, the American Secre-tary of State, made a surprise

visit to Beirut, apparently in

response to the increased ten-

sion. She offered little hope

that the peace process could be

Ms Albright, who ended her

inaugural tour of the Middle

East yesterday, said: "I am an

optimist, but I cannot make

any predictions of success

based on my discussions this

week." It was the first time

that an American Secretary of

State had visited the Lebanese

Ms Albright flew by helicop-

ter from Cyprus to the new US

Embassy in the hills above

Beirut before meeting Presi-

dent Hrawi and Rafik Hariri,

the Lebanese Prime Minister.

Her visit to Lebanon, which

was kept secret until the last

minute, is believed to have

been prompted by the worsen-

ing crisis in the south.

capital since 1983.

salvaged.

lem belongs to us".

firmative action and abortion sup- tle was brought to a head on Friday porters, viewed Mr Weld as too liberal in every sense,

A pro-choice Republican, Mr Weld had publicly advertised the homosexual members of his staff during his time as Governor. He resigned from the post in July in what he described as a personal effort to seek the ambassadorship. Since then, he has campaigned for the nomination and had regular support from a White House only too eager to watch the Republican Party tear itself apart in

front of the nation. With the return of Congress after the summer recess, however, the batwhen Mr Helms refused even 10 grant a hearing to Mr Weld during a

half-hour Senate meeting.
Repeatedly banging his gavel to drown the interruptions of liberals. Mr Helms had even managed to taunt his enemy with the words. "Got your ticket to Mexico vet?" as the two shook hands afterwards.

Mr Helms, who became the chairman of the committee not through any knowledge of foreign policy but rather because he was the longestserving Republican on it. has maintained a consistently obstructive stance towards the White House.

Central Asian republics live in stability." But he added: "A message I would like to leave is that there is no nation on the face of the Earth that we cannot get to." DAOUD MIZRAHI / EPA British exercise in Ukraine London: British troops will take part in a military exercise with Ukraine this week for the first time, to strengthen links that were forged during peacekeeping duries in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Michael Evans writes). Soldiers from the 2nd and 4th Battalions of The Parachute Regiment, backed by Royal Engineers, three RAF Hercules and a field ambulance unit, will be training tomorrow with paratroops from Ukraine and Poland in an exercise codenamed Cossack Steppe. George Roberston, the Defence Secretary, who flies to Ukraine later today after a brief visit to Warsaw, will see how the new post-Cold War military links between Britain and countries in Eastern Europe are rapidly developing. Norway poll signals change Oslo: The seven-year rule of Norway's minority Labour Government seemed to be ending as the country voted yesterday in an election with polls putting Labour's support

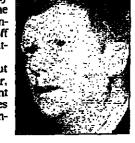
dozen nations.

yesterday in an election with poils putting Labour's support below the minimum it demands to stay on. The two final opinion polls of a campaign, fought mainly over health and care for the elderly, put Labour at 35.7 per cent and 34.3 per cent. The Prime Minister. Thorbjoern Jagland, frustrated by calls from the Opposition for a new administration with fresh policies, says Labour must match its 1993 result — 36.9 per cent — if it is to stay for another four-year term. (Reuter) Chubais is 'murder target'

vices have strengthened security around Anatoli Chubais, right, the country's most powerful and controversial minister, after a tip-off that he was about to be assassinated (Richard Beeston writes). A contract was reportedly put out

Moscow: Russia's intelligence ser-

against the Deputy Prime Minister, who masterminded President Yeltsin's re-election and oversees economic reforms, by an oil company with huge tax arrears.



### EU overtures to Iran

Brussels: The European Union agreed in principle to send its ambassadors back to Iran, but said it would first discuss the decision with Tehran. Officials will probably put the proposals to the Iranian Government on the fringes of next week's United Nations General Assembly in New York. Senior EU diplomats were withdrawn from Tehran in April after a German court ruled that Iran's leadership had ordered political assassinations in Germany. (Reuters)

### Cook backs Bosnia stay

Brussels: Robin Cook added his voice to calls for the June, to stay longer to build on the success of last weekend's elections. "If the British troops and the others all pull out next summer, there is a risk that a lot of the work that has been done could be undone," the Foreign Secretary said on arrival at a meeting of European Union foreign ministers. (AP)

### **Briton killed in Alps**

Chamonix: A British climber died and three others were injured when an avalanche swept them into a 60ft crevasse on Mont Blanc, rescue services said. The accident happened at about 10,000ft, as five Britons who were roped together were hit by the 200-yard-wide avalanche. Two of them managed to climb out and raise the alarm. (AFP)

A Jewish settler fixes a string of Israeli flags to one of the seized houses yesterday

### Namibia ship finds suspected site of German jet crash

BY RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A NAMIBIAN ship appears to have discovered the site aircraft plunged into the Atlantic Ocean, a German Defence Ministry spokesman

The ship's crew had discovered a large pool of oil off the West African coast, the spokesman said. The Namibian fisheries protection vessel had made the discovery close searching for the Tupolev Tul54 had earlier recovered part of an aircraft seat and

some German papers. He said the ministry had no information on the fate of a missing US Air Force C141 cargo plane. Officials have said they feared the two planes had collided in midair. Both planes vanished on Saturday, with a total of 33 people on board.

The Tupolev was carrying 12 German Marines who were due to take part in the South African Navy's 75th anniversary celebrations, the wives of two of them and ten crew members. The other missing aircraft, with nine crew on

board, was on a flight from Windhoek, capital of Namib-

er of the South African Airline Pilots' Association, said that if the aircraft had collided it was a tragedy that had been waiting to happen. Large areas of increasingly crowded South African skies were governed by poor and outdated air traffic control operations.

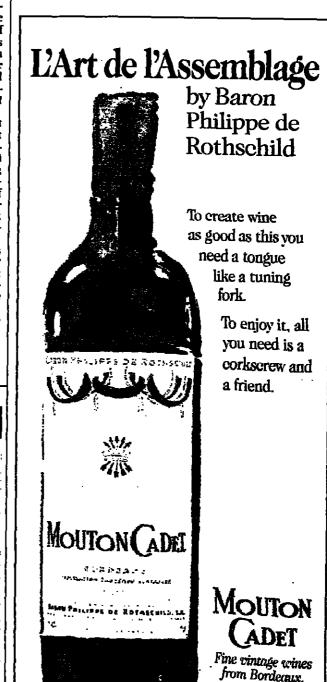
She said it was possible that the military pilots were not making use of in-flight broadcast procedure, now adopted by most airlines operating flights to South Africa. Air liner captains radio details of their positions every five or ten minutes in order to alert other pilots and ensure ade-

quate separation levels. The German aircraft was not fitted with "black box" recording or collision alert systems, the ministry spokes-man said. This would have given the investigators clues to what happened before the crash, while a collision alert system would have informed the pilot of approaching

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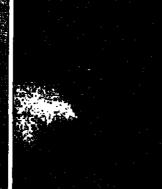
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Part of the Stealth fighter's fuselage appears to fall off, sending the jet out of control. Major Bryan Knight then ejects, and parachutes to safety, while his plane hits the ground and explodes

# US Air Force grounds Stealth fighters as air show crash pilot is praised

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United States Air Force grounded all its remaining Stealth fighters yesterday after the crash of an F117A Nighthawk as it performed combat manoeuvres at

a Baltimore airshow. Spectators on Sunday saw the black fighter, America's secret weapon in the Gulf War, disintegrate overhead and its pilot parachute to safety. Amateur video showed the plane, which requires constant

tain its equilibrium, veering into a roll after a piece of the fusciage apparently broke off and then tumbling to the ground. The jet, carrying 11,000lb of fuel, landed in the front garden of a bungalow and burnt it to the ground. The computer calculations to mainonly person inside was un-

bruises. As firefighters attempted to control the blaze, military police cordened off the scene to protect the plane's radar-evading technology. "It is a secret aircraft."

viously we want to pretect it the best way we can." The pilot. Major Bryan Knight, was taken to hospital after landing in a residential neighbourhood in his parachute with no serious injuries. Welliem Colors to Defend

million) aircraft as long as possible to avert a disaster. "To watch the film of him waiting until the final moments before ejecting truly complements the kind of

all over the world," Mr Cohen said. The 49th Fighter Wing in New Mexico, home base of all 53 F117A planes, yesterday suspended routine flights while mainte-

# Purged leader urges Tiananmen rethink

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELING



for the students demonstrating for democracy in 1989, and urged them to leave the square demonstrations. Mr Zhao, peacefully. In what would be who is still regarded warily by Mr Zhao's first political act China's leaders because of the popularity of his relatively liberal political and economic since he was purged, the 77year-old former heir apparent to the late Deng Xiaoping, who died last February, has views, described his letter as an open message to the 2,048 apparently sent a letter to the delegates attending the concurrent 15th party congress in gress, which aims to set China's course for the next five The letter appears to bring

him into contention with Li There was no official confir-Peng, the unpopular Prime Minister who signed the marmation that the letter circulating in Beijing was actually tial law Act that led to the from Mr Zhao, and a spokesbloody crackdown on June 4. man for the congress, Xu 1989, in which hundreds of Guangchun, said tersely while introducing "model" workers to the press: "We have not seen however, had taken the ultimate decision to break up the that sort of letter. With regard

to the question of June 4, our party and Government have already made the right

Just before the congress started, a group of Mr Zhao's supporters openly appealed to the congress to free him from house arrest. Many Chinese are still angered by Tiananmen, and the issue is only one that will not go away for party leaders. A former associate of Mr

Zhao said: "I cannot confirm that Zhao is the author of this letter, but it is the kind of thing he would say, and this matter has got to be addressed sooner or later, especially if China is to regain widespread respect in the world." Mr Zhao, who has been

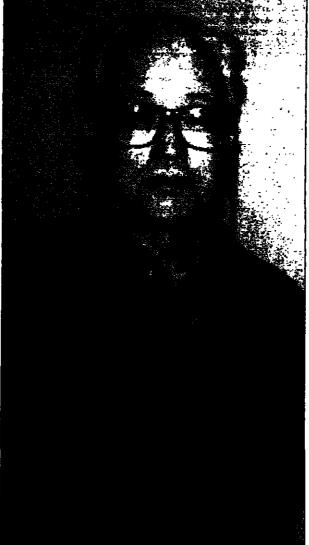
under house arrest since his downfall but is allowed out sometimes to play golf and visit other provinces, wrote in the letter: "It is baseless to determine the nature of the movement as a counter-revo-Iutionary rebellion. Everyone knows that at the time most of the students wanted punishment of the corrupt and to

promote political reform and not to overthrow the Communist Party. The problem of reassessing June 4 will have to be resolved sooner or later."

Mr Zhao said that, since it was not a counter-revolutionary rebellion, armed suppression should not have been used to end it. Diplomars said that corruption remained an issue of major concern to most Chinese. Just before the congress started, a former Beijing party chief, Chen Xitong, was expelled from the party for corruption

Envoys said that when Deng died in February the current party chief. Jiang Zemin, turned down Mr Zhao's request to attend the funeral service. With Deng's death, however, it had become possible to think of a reassessment of the Tiananmen Square incident.

At a press conference relating to the congress, a "model" plumber from Shangahi, Xu Hu, was asked about the Tiananmen incident, "I think our Government has aiready handled this well," he said.



Zhao: scolded by Deng for taking students' side

### Plea that led to Zhao's disgrace

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE last time I saw Zhao Ziyang - the last time anyone saw him at liberty - was at 5am on May 19, 1989, when he entered Tiananmen Square and, speaking through a loudhailer, said to the students who swarmed about him: "Sorry, sorry, too late, too late. You should criticise us and

Standing behind him, a grim-faced Li Peng said nothing. By midnight Mr Zhao was under arrest and Mr Li was announcing the imposition of martial law, his voice booming across the square from loudspeakers.

That triggered a rush by thiousands of students towards the west of Beijing where, to their astonishment, they were able to block the army, which had daily been drawing ever closer to the centre of the city.

What we did not know was that on May 17 Mr Zhao had attended a meeting of the Politburo Standing Commit-tee at Deng Xiaoping's man-sion behind the Forbidden City. Deng, who did not trust the relatively young men on the committee, had also summoned some of the "immortals", retired revolutionary grandees whom he knew he

could rally to support a crackdown. At this meeting, Mr Zhao was scolded by Deng for encouraging the students. Deng reportedly said he had the army behind him; when Mr Zhao replied that he had student backing. Deng said that meant he had no support.

On May 18, Mr Zhao and three other Politburo members, including Mr Li, visited hunger-striker students in hospital. There, as seen on television, Mr Zhao told the students that their aims and the party's were the same, and that they should abandon their fast.

That same day, Mikhail Gorbachev, then the Soviet leader, left China, where he had spoken to Deng, Mr Li and Mr Zhao. His spokesman told me, off the record: "The only one of those guys that the boss ever wants to see again is

On May 19. Mr Zhao told another Polithuro meeting that he took full responsibility for the demonstrations and offered to resign. Deng rejected that, because it would have proved that the leaders were in disagreement. It was from that meeting that Mr Zhao took his car to the square, for his last moments at liberty.

# Mrs Mandela bids for top ANC post

dela, the former wife of Presi-Power could be the best refuge for dent Mandela, who is facing hearings over her alleged complicity in the murders of a child activist. Stompie R. W. Johnson from Johannesburg Moeketsi Seipei, and a Soweto doctor, Abu-Baker Asvat, now

finds herself at the centre of two new storms. First, Jerry Richardson, the former coach of her infamous

Mandela United Football Club, who is serving life imprisonment for Stompie's murder, has confessed to the murder of another township activist, a teenage girl called Kuki Zwane, whom, Richardson says, he killed on Mrs Mandela's orders.

students died. Deng himself.

Mrs Mandela merely told him that "Kuki Zwarie is disturbing me, she's bothering me", and this was, he alleges, enough to sentence the girl to death. There is speculation that Richardson may at last be willing to testify against Mrs Mandela.

At the same time, however, the ANC Women's League, of which Mrs Mandela is president, has formally nominated her for the ANC deputy presidency, a post which will be filled at the party congress next month when the incumbent, Thabo Mbeki, steps up to the presidency in succession to President Mandela. This constitutes a serious bid for power as President Mandela prepares to leave the scene. Given the ANC's dominance of the political system, the party's deputy presidency brings with it the deputy

presidency of the country.
With this nomination the cat is really among the pigeons. Mrs Mandela has never attempted to run for party office before; now she is aiming to

President Mandela's ex-wife from the mounting accusations against her, writes

establish for herself a position of such unchallengeable authority that the numerous allegations that dog her will

become a thing of the past.

Mrs Mandela may, indeed, have her eye on the presidency itself, for there are widespread doubts that the uncharismatic Mr Mbeki will be able to fill President Mandela's shoes, and the magic of the Mandela name could make her a pow-

erful challenger before long. Until now the names of a number of other essentially nondescript politicians have been tossed around as possible Deputy Presidents - all of them clients or cronies of Mr Mbeki. He has been careful to stay on the right side of Mrs Mandela and has sometimes even taken up the public cudgels for her, some-



Mandela: new claims

thing few other ANC politi-

cians are willing to do. Now, however, all this seems likely to end. If Mrs Mandela presses her bid. Mr Mbeki will have no option but to run his own candidate against her — for the notion of Mrs Mandela as Deputy President would alienate all manner of domestic and international constituencies. Any contest featuring Mrs

Mandela will be rough. In the past all elections involving her within the Women's League have left in their wake allegations of intimidatory pressure. It is, nonetheless, hard to see Mr Mbeki losing such a vote, but Mrs Mandela has already begun to make pointed allegations of the complicity of "leading ANC moderates" in the murder of Chris Hani, the

> threat that Mrs Mandela, if publicly thwarted by Mr Mbeki, may try to broaden her allegations to include him. The pressure will mount on Mrs Mandela to withdraw her candidacy. The possibility is only too obvious that the quid pro quo for this could be the official dismissal of all the current allegations and accusations against her. The next few weeks in the

run-up to the congress prom-

ises to be full of drama,

especially as President Man-dela himself has yet to show

charismatic Communist Party

leader. There is here clearly a

### Royal mix of fantasy and fable falls flat

THE pre-publicity that her-alded the "expose" of the Royal

could not have been worse. million advance.

The book has been deemed

under British libel law. Launched on NBC tele-vision last night, The Royals alleges serial marital infidelities by members of the Royal Family, but offers only the

# FROM TOM RHODES current accounts are a

Family by Kitty Kelley, the American biographer, was in glaring contrast to the dull thud with which the book's launch was expected to be greeted in America last night.

An examination of The Royals, published in the United States today, shows it to be a racy mixture of fact and fiction; little more than a collection of idle hearsay and unsubstantiated claims from a biographer whose timing

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and subsequent troubles for the Royal Family have been so reverentially absorbed into the American psyche that Ms Kelley's pub-lishers must be wondering why they paid this "most fearless" of biographers a £3

unpublishable in Britain, not merely for reasons of taste but also because the main characters, including the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret, the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, probably would reap vast sums

unsubstantiated gossip of courtiers as proof.

At its most revealing, the book paints a sometimes affectionate and otherwise damning portrait of life among the Windsors.

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### Tennis star serves up pacifist Marseillaise original, which was written as the FROM BEN MACINTYRE peace and tolerance. Let us rediscover revolutionary army marched to war in French virtues." IN PARIS

YANNICK NOAH, the French tennis

champion turned rock musician, has outraged old soldiers and traditionalists by recording a new version of the Marseillaise, replacing the bloodthirsty words of the French national anthem with protestations of peace and love. The

1792, calls on French citizens to raise the "blood-soaked banner" and "water the soil of France with the impure gore" of enemy tyrants.

By contrast Noah's version, released earlier this year as a single entitled Oh rève (Oh dream), gently urges: "Let us try to open our spirits, across the country, to

Since the single was released, French radio and television stations have been

deluged with complaints that the sanitised version is an insult to French national and military pride. "The national anthem is a treasure that should not be tampered with," Jean-Pierre Diaz told



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Bonn is taking

Thatcher line

on funding

says Charles

Bremner

THE future of Britain's special

rebate from the European

Union budget came into ques-

tion yesterday as Germany

and The Netherlands insisted

they paid too much to Brus-

sels, and southern European

states refused to consider giving up the heavy flow of EU cash they receive. The lines for a long and bitter battle over EU funding

were drawn by foreign minis-

ters when they met for the first

review of the plan to invite

states from Central Europe

and Cyprus to start member-ship talks early next year. Most members support the

Commission's proposal that spending be held steady at the

present ceiling of 1.27 per cent

The quarrel, which prom-

ises to drag on until 1990,

springs from the need to

switch resources to pay for the

inclusion of poor states from

the former communist bloc.

Spain and Portugal said yes-

terday there was no question of agreeing to proposals to cut

the lavish regional aid that

they receive to switch the

funds to financing the proba-

ble entry of Poland, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia,

If extra money is needed for enlargement, it will have to be found elsewhere," said Abel

Matutes, the Spanish Foreign

Minister. Greece and Ireland. both strong beneficiaries, are

Hungary and Cyprus.

of gross domestic product.

said Giuseppe Martelli, of the Italian Oenologists' Associwill be in ecstasies."

The quantity being produced is lower than usual, but prices are higher, with expected mark-ups at least 10 per cent higher than last year's.

"restoring the balance be-

### **EUROPE'S FIVE-YEAR CALENDAR**

European Commission issues key economic forecasts showing which countries likely to qualify for EMU. November 20-21: EU special summit (in Luxembourg) to tackle unemployment.

ber 12-13: EU Summit (Luxembourg): Must decide which East European countries will be invited to start negotiations to join EU. Also due to agree on "conduct code" to try to bring business and savings taxes into line. Britain due to state intentions on

also resisting any cut in their

the insistence by Germany, The Netherlands and Sweden

that they pay far too high a

share of the EU's £50 billion

budget. Their argument is the

same as Margaret Thatcher's

in her long battle in the 1980s

to reduce the net British

Since German reunifica-

tion. Bonn estimates it pays

about 65 per cent of the net

burden of the EU each year.

The Dutch calculate that they are the biggest contributor per

head. Klaus Kinkel, the Ger

man Foreign Minister, told colleagues: "We want a fairer

balance and a better flow of

minister, said the Agenda

2000 plan for enlarging the EU was "unacceptable" as it

stood. The Netherlands wants

greater "proportionality" in its contribution. The German-

Dutch offensive was de-

nounced as "un-European" by Belgium. Erik Derycke, the Belgian Foreign Minister,

Karel Van Miert, the Dutch

Complicating the quarrel is

hefty EU income.

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money back."

January: Britain takes over EU presidency. EU states start ratifying Treaty of Amsterdam Membership negotiations start with Cyprus and chosen states

EU budget fight beckons

stern Europe. May 2-3: (provisional dates): Special summit in Brussels, chaired by UK, to choose founding members of single currency. Exchange rates to be set between currencies

Argument likely on future EU

solidarity.

financing and reform to and other spending. July 1: Austria takes ove EU presidency.

tune 16-17: Cardiff EU Summit

neral eléctions.

1999 \* January 1: EMU launched Germany takes over

Common Agriculture policy

June: Elections to

said: "The insidious debate half the annual budget. The about 'fair return' must stop. It Commission's reform plans, drawn up as part of the is against the spirit of enlargement programme, do Jacques Santer, the Connot go far enough, Robin mission President, used simi-Cook, the Foreign Secretary, told EU colleagues. The evenlar language when Germany launched its budget offensive tual financial package is sub-

at a weekend meeting of ject to unanimous voting, so finance ministers. Britain, still the veto applies.

EU officials are worried that one of the bigger net contributors, says there is no question the fight over money could set of giving up the rebate. It is emphasising the need to cut back the process of reforming the spending programmes spending by reforming the stacle was thrown up yestercommon agricultural policy. which consumes more than day when France. Belgium

and Italy said no new mem bers should be allowed into the EU until it had reformed its decision-making institu-tions to cope with the expansion. The three, supported by Austria, will add a declaration to the Amsterdam treaty, when it is signed next month, to this effect. The Amsterdam summit which produced the treaty is deemed to have failed to revamp the Commission and voting mechanisms necesthe EU expands to more than

2000

reformed CAP and

takes effect, incorporating

ruary: euro notes and

coins enter circulation.

From 2002: Cyprus and

ry: New spending package



A Dutch mounted policeman emerges from a smoke hazard during a practice session yesterday for duty at a national parade in The Hague today

### Italy toasts bumper year for wines

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME THIS YEAR'S Italian wine harvest is the best for 50 years, according to Corriere della Sera. Barolo and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano as well as

many humbler wines from Sicily and Sardinia all score exceptionally high marks. The prospect of a great 1997 vintage comes after reports that this year's French harvest is also of unusual quality. This is a collector's year."

ation, adding: "Connoisseurs

Italy earned a reputation as a notorious over-producer of wine in the 1980s, much of it of indifferent quality and destined for the European Union wine lake. But 250,000 acres of vines have been dug up since 1989 as part of a policy of

tween supply and demand". Bruno Ceretto, a leading

said there was a boom in Italian wine sales caused in part by the popularity of "the Mediterranean diet Signor Martelli said the quality of this year's Italian red wines was "at 1947 levels", while the whites were comparable with those of 1990. Favourable exchange rates have enabled producers to make inroads into the American and European markets and Italy also

has 15 per cent of the Japanese market The producers of Brindisi in southern Italy meanwhile were celebrating an unexpected bonus in the form of a huge order from China. An agricultural consortium from Brindisi said that it had signed a deal with officials from the Chinese province of Shandong who were so taken with the quality of Brindisi wine that they ordered the entire regional supply of two million hectolitres a year for eight years. The contract is worth

E65 million to overjoyed Brindisi farmers. Leading article, page 19

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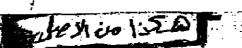
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# Bhutto assets' frozen by Swiss in cash inquiry

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent, and Peter Capella in Genev.

SWISS authorities have imposed a three-month freeze on bank accounts allegedly held secretly in the names of Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistani Prime Minister, her

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husband and her mother.
The Government of Pakistan claims money in the accounts was siphoned out of the country. It is the first time the powerful Bhutto clan has been so directly challenged over its huge fortunes in money, land and property.

Switzerland has accepted a request to block accounts of about six foreign-based Pakistani firms in which Miss Bhutto and her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, had a "covert" parmership, according to Saifur Rehman, a senator in charge of a Pakistani government commission investigating corruption. It has long been alleged, but forcefully denied, that Mr Zardari held

substantial overseas interests. Mr Rehman called these developments a milestone in the Government's drive to unearth alleged corruption by Miss Bhutto's administration. which was ousted in a general election eight months ago in a wave of public disgust. Her Pakistan People's Party was practically wiped out, raising doubts about her ability to make a comeback.

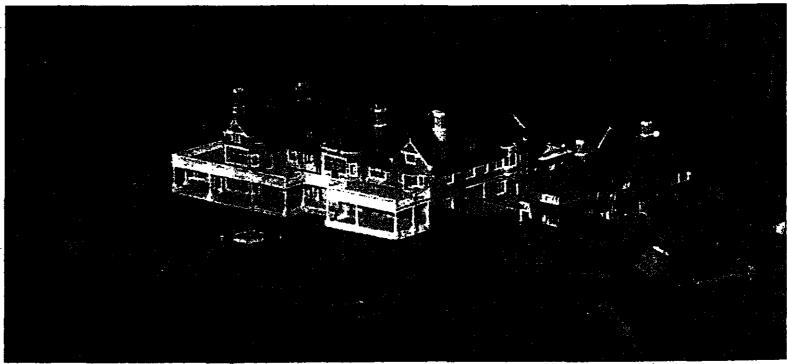
The Swiss are waiting to see criminal charges are filed against Miss Bhutto in Pakistan for corruption before taking the case further. Judi-cial authorities in Islamabad have to lodge a formal request for mutual assistance by December 8, including details of the charges and the relationship with Bhutto assets in Geneva, to allow bank documents to be handed over to investigators.

A fax from the Pakistani

banks in Geneva alleged to hold accounts and deposit boxes in the Bhuttos' name. It asked for bank documents to that the Bhuttos "wilfully and knowingly plundered the national wealth for their own personal motives".

for the Swiss Justice and Police Ministry, said that the letter did not mention an amount. The three-month blocking order is designed to prevent the removal of assets from Switzerland, but Swiss banks are obliged to lift secrecy and inform the authorities if they have any accounts in those names. Anwar Khalid, the Law

Minister, said in Islamabad that laws in Switzerland were tough and the authorities there could not be influenced



Rookwood, the £2.5 million Edwardian home at Brook in Surrey allegedly bought by Asif Ali Zardari, husband of Benazir Bhutto

easily. The Swiss Government had acted on evidence considered to be reliable.

Miss Bhutto — and he husband, who is in jail in Karachi on a string of crimi-nal charges — headed what is claimed to have been the most corrupt regime in Pakistan's brief democratic history. It allegedly became all but impossible for any large business

deal to go through without the involvement of Mr Zardari. known as "Mr Ten Per Cent" for the commissions it is said

he demanded. He was given the post in his wife's Government of Minister for Investments, though no such ministry existed. Opponents said it amounted to a licence to extort money. Com-mentators have said Miss

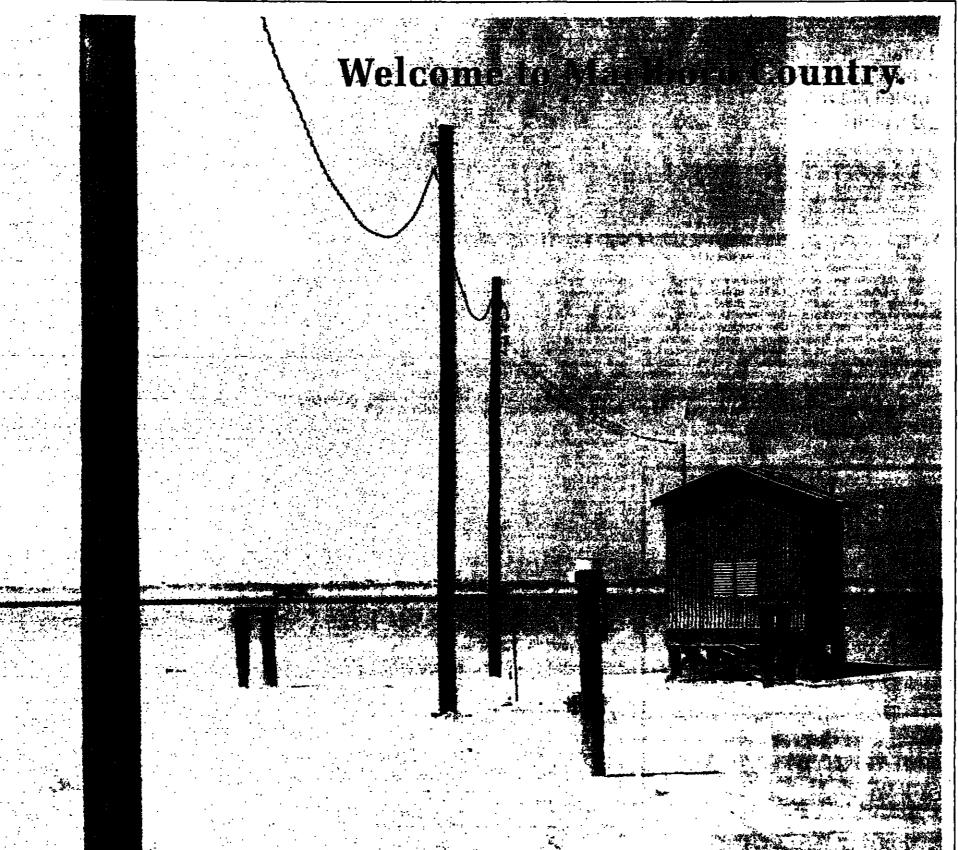
Bhutto will never return to power so long as she remains married to Mr Zardari.

The drive against Miss Bhutto, who is in Dubai, must contain an element of political ment of Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, was riven with fraud and his present administration is hardly better. The Cabinet consists

ministers as his first administration, but no there have been no moves against those known

to be corrupt. Nor have any other senior government politicians or bureaucrats who have enriched themselves illegally been brought to book, despite an "accountability" drive that was supposed to have most corrupt nations of high-level fraud. The Germanbased Transparency International says Pakistan is the

after Nigeria; India is eighth. The moves against the Bhuttos demonstrate a determination to destroy any chance that the feudal family



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# **Manor in Surrey** bought secretly

By Lin Jenkins

OPPONENTS of Benazir Bhutto have identified properties in Britain and France which they claim form part of the web of financial impropriety by her husband.

One is a £2.5 million manor house in a 355-acre estate, which is said to be one of the most secluded large houses in the Home Counties. It was bought amid great secrecy nearly four years ago. The estate agents, Browns of Guildford, Surrey, were unaware of the buyer, as the sale was concluded through a London solicitor.

Rookwood in Brook, Surrey, set in 26 acres of formal parkland, has a private landing strip, two staff cottages and a separate gymnasium with tennis court and indoor swimming pool. The show that it had a master other bedrooms. However, villagers say the Edwardian manor house has been much

altered A 7ft fence surrounds the property. Local people say Pakistani security guards

patrol the grounds. Last year Miss Bhutto denied she was behind the purchase of the estate. However, documents obtained by her opponents in Pakistan allegedly show that Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, bought the house through an Isle of Man company.

They claim that crates marked shipped by Pakistan International Airways actually contained furniture, artworks and antiques destined for the house. Eight crates arrived in May last year with an invoice stating they contained goods sent from Miss Bhutto's private residence in Karachi to the Pakistan High Commissioner in London.

The Pakistan High Commission declined to disclose their final destination.

Miss Bhutto has a house in the south of France and her husband an estate in Norhis parents. Last year it was discovered that Mr Zardari was paying for two luxury flats in Wilton Crescent, Belgravia. One may now have



Benazir Bhutto's political future rests on solving the problem of her marriage to jailed Asif Ali Zardari

### Yoked together on path of disgrace

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

riage - why it happened and why it survives. They are from vastly different backgrounds; one is upper middle class, the other the daughter of one of the country's richest, most powerful feudal families. His reputation makes her all but unelectable so long as the

marriage lasts.
Miss Bhutto was disgraced in this year's general election less by her own conduct than her husband's. His name has become a byword for corruption, although no allegations have been proved. He is held

in general contempt.
"Why does she stand by repeatedly. It was an unconventional arranged marriage. They met at a dinner party -Ms Bhutto says she does not remember the occasion - and thereafter Mr Zardari pur-sued her until he was granted permission to meet her formally. It took a long time for

the marriage to be approved. His father owned a Karachi cinema and had other investments, but compared with the Bhutto holdings he was a

BENAZIR BHUTTO and Asif Ali Zardari perplex Pakistan. Nobody can fathom their mar-ducated in England where she had a sports car and enjoyed the night life, received relatively few good marriage offers from the conservative

Pakistani upper class. She is said to have grown to love him, but was upset by his playboy reputation. Those close to them say they once came near to divorce and that the marriage is again in trouble, but Miss Bhutto denied this week that she intended to leave him. Mr Zardari has rejected allegations that he was involved in the killing of her brother, Murtaza, shot by police in Karachi.

Murtaza was trying to claim the Bhutto political legacy, and he and Mr Zardari are said to have argued often. Murtaza's death led to talk the marriage would end. According to one friend. Miss Bhutto intends to stand by him, at least while he is in jail.

Ms Bhuno has never been suspected personally of corrupt financial practices but her association with Mr Zardari implicates her, association, with plunder the national exchequer.

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Romance,

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of brandy, so useful to the 19th-century surgeon, can equally well dull a lover's senses before he, or she, climbs into bed. Transitory impotence after heavy drinking is always thought to be a male problem. but a woman who has drunk to excess — perhaps only three or four glasses of wine - may lose not only her ability to have an orgasm, but also her

ability to respond. The effect of even small quantities of wine on female sexual response was explored by a colleague who worked as an assistant at my practice in Norfolk. He and his partner stayed with us for some months and we dined together each night. At first I could not understand why his usually healthy appetite for wine had become so controlled. After a couple of glasses all round, he would announce that we had had enough. It was a week or two before he admitted the truth: it took two glasses of wine to relax his girlfriend to the point where she wanted

sex - any more and she was incapable of enjoying it. The long-term effects of drinking on the reproductive system are even more significant. Alcohol taken in excess for a number of years produces physical changes in both sexes. Men can suffer from testicular atrophy shrinkage of the penis — a loss of body hair and gynaeco-



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

mastia (enlargement of the breasts). The body shape changes, too: there is an acceleration of the normal redistribution of fat and loss of muscle that occurs in both sexes as they grow older. The arms and legs become skinny and the chest and abdomen increase in girth. Men develop a pot belly. Research has shown there is a direct relationship between the posses-

tosterone gives a male his

sion of a "beer belly" and the likelihood of being impotent. The popular explanation for the long-term changes that occur in the male reproductive system is that the oestrogen/ testosterone balance is upset because of hormonal changes secondary to liver disease. Oestrogens are the hormones that determine femininity; tes-

In the third extract from his

new book, **Dr Thomas** Stuttaford looks at alcohol's effect on male and

female libidos

and fertility distinctive physique and personality. It is supposed that the damaged liver fails to metabolise, adequately the oestrogens that circulate in all men. In addition, the testosterone is metabolised differently

The combination of these two processes decreases the amount of testosterone and increases the oestrogen. And not all testosterone is free available in a form the tissues can use. In men with liver disease, much of the testosterone is not free, and so is comparatively useless at im-

veal that many men have

"liver palms", a sign of liver

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so that there is a "Plimsoll line" between the two sides. This condition is seen not only in heavy drinkers but also in women who are pregnant or taking the Pill, two states in parting male characteristics. which high levels of oestrogen A quick glance around any are circulating. dinner table will usually re-

the palm are bright red while directly damaging influence on testicular function. The the back of the hands are pale. Leydig cells in the testes, which secrete testosterone, are vulnerable to alcohol. So in heavy drinkers not only has the metabolism of testosterone and oestrogen been altered,

but the actual secretion of testosterone reduced. The effects of heavy drink-The changes in a man are ing on men are not all related not confined to anatomy and physiology; his psyche is also altered. The heavy drinker to liver damage: high blood levels of alcohol also have a loses his libido as his testosterone levels fall. High blood-

> semeniferous tubes, where the sperm are formed, thus impairing spermatogenesis. Research published in the journal Gastroenterology in 1974 showed that 80 per cent of alcoholics were infertile. Consistently heavy drinking affects the snerm count, and more of the sperm are of abnormal form. Sperm motility is also reduced: they are less likely to swim strongly and in the right direction. To achieve maximum fertility, sperm have to swim with the

alcohol levels also damage the

determination of a greyhound springing from the traps. lthough less obvious, the effects of excessive alcohol are equally trying in women. There is some shrivelling of external genitalia and a loss of pubic and other bodily hair. The drinker tends to develop a pot belly, large breasts - the result of higher oestrogen levels - and skinny arms and legs. But women who drink in moderation need

not fear that their female physical characteristics will disappear prematurely. As always, the problem is that warnings about drinking to excess are directed at women who drink in moderation. This is demonstrated by the general approach to osteoporosis. No family health guide or women's magazine fails to mention the fact that alcohol contributes to osteoporosis, but few add that, whereas alcoholism and alcohol abuse are accepted risk factors, there seems to be little association between bone density and light to moderate alcohol intake. Studies have shown that bone density in post-menopausal women is not affected by modest drinking. As these studies have examined women who drink five to 14 units a week and

TOMORROW

Alcohol and old age. How moderate drinking can help the elderly found no significant increase in the incidence of hip fracture, it seems safe to tell women that a daily drink or perhaps even make their bones brittle.

As for women who drink during their reproductive years, the main concern has been for the babies they might conceive. The level of anxiety in the US and Canada about drinking during pregnancy seems to the British to be out of

all proportion. No one denies the existence or seriousness of foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). which causes a child born to a heavy-drinking — usually so-cially deprived — mother the appearance of a mentally retarded, small-headed pixie. But it is said to occur only in women who regularly drink

Pregnant women need not be completely

teetotal America of 32,870 women, nearly half of whom had taken alcohol during pregnancy. failed to find one case of FAS. Another survey showed the syndrome had a direct relationship to prosperity; it was almost absent in the presumably better-nourished sections of society.

Binge drinking in pregnancy has also been studied, and there is evidence that, in some rare cases, as few as five units in a single sitting may have contributed to a low birth weight. But in 40 years of

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not drink at all. i therefore feel confident in telling pregnant women that they need not be teetotal, but that they should drink only at formal or special occasions, with a meal and should not exceed two units in an evening

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# "I'm in my prime, I can start again'

Sir Rocco Forte may have lost his company and his name but when it comes to business, he's just begun to sharpen the cleaver. Interview by Grace Bradberry

n January 1996, Sir Rocco Forte lost control of the vast business empire founded by his father. The Forte name became the property of Grana-da, and Gerry Robinson, the chief executive, was suddenly entitled to the keys to Sir Rocco's splendidly appointed office in Bloomsbury.

After 21 months, I had rather expected Sir Rocco to have set himself up in similar style; in fact, he gives every impression of camping out in the modest offices he now occupies overlooking Lincoln's Inn Fields. He sits at a large glass table. On the wall behind are a few architects' designs for the five-star hotel he is building in Cardiff.

Yet while the trappings of power may be gone, the man-ner remains. "How are you?" he inquires in a thoroughly patrician accent. A half-second later he smiles. It is a perlect piece of timing, born out of sheer self-confidence. One has just enough time to fear a forbidding encounter before the ran crinkles, and one is ambushed by his disarmingly direct gaze.

Once seated, he leans back. "My wife just called to say that our eldest daughter has been made head girl," he says. I assume this to be small talk, but Sir Rocco goes on, and outlines a contest of some intensity between Lydia, 10, and a classmate, the daughter of a leading financier, who was also tipped for the position. They have been rivals throughout, vying for the best test results, but friends as well. His daughter's victory was by no means a sure thing. "I think Lydia is the more rounded personality," he muses. It is clear that he has given considerable thought to the two girls' strengths and weaknesses, really felt for his daughter as she put her pride on the line.

Sir Rocco, of course, knows all about such head-to-heads. The battle to save the Forte group from Robinson's hostile takeover was an extremely personal and hard-fought one. In effect, Sir Rocco had to prove to the City that he was up to his job as executive chairman. By the end of two months many commentators thought he had - but he lost the company anyway.

Everything, from the Café Royal, the Waldorf and the Grosvenor House, right down to the Happy Eater chain. went to Granada. One can scarcely imagine what it must feel like to lose in a matter of weeks what it took one's father 50 years to build, starting from a single milk bar

Sir Rocco remains a wealthy man but the power is gone. He owns one restaurant, Les Saveurs in Mayfair, and one hotel, The Balmoral in Edinburgh. Even the family name is no longer his own. "I can't actually use it. I probably can't use Rocco Forte or Rocco Forte Hotels." He would like it back. presumably? "Well, I mean it would be nice. It's not the beall and end-all. It's irritating having your name bandied about by someone else."

Irritating seems a rather small word. Indeed, Sir Rocco

is so urbane as he discusses the takeuver that one feels like Oprah Winfrey inquiring if there weren't, also, a personal dimension to the battle. He starts for a minute, clearly aghast at the idiocy of the question. "Of course, there's a personal element," he says tersely. "It's a business I'd worked in all my life, strived for, had ambitions for, erm, losing it in that way is not very

This still seems a rather inadequate way of describing such a colossal humiliation, but he is clearly determined not to feel it too deeply, "It was worse for my father," he insists. "The company was his life's work and it's gone out of the window. That's sad, I can start again. He's not in that

Indeed, it must be dreadful for Lord Forte, who spent his life not only building the business, but also fighting for acceptance by the Establish-



Aliai and Rocco Forte,

ment, to see his work snatched away. As late as 1994, when the Fortes, father and son, were seeking control of the Savoy Group, one party muttered: "Hotels are for foreigners to stay in, not to own."

Did Sir Rocco experience xenophobia too? "School is where you'd experience that most, and I didn't." (He describes his years at Downside, the Roman Catholic public school, as "a perfect-.. ly reasonable experience".) As points out, his lather was an İtalian in Britain just after the war, which created a particular set of problems. He left Dumfries because he used to get into fights every day. That never happened to

His father's sense of acquired nationality even amused his son. "I remember him going to England-Scotland football matches with a tam-o'-shanter on his head. I'd say What are you doing in

Whatever his freedom to tease his father, however, there is no doubt that Sir Rocco was brought up with a strong sense of duty and dynasty. As a schoolboy, and then a student at Pembroke College, Oxford, he spent his holidays working in the cellars of the Café Royal, the jewel in the Forte crown. "My father was very keen — in a way he made sure that I would go into the business." He then tells an

at 13, he played an Italian waiter in an ITV play. (Years later he ran into Michael Caine who told him he'd been in the same production.] "I got a lot of offers after that for all sorts of other things. My father said 'Do you want to become an actor?" So my face brightened up. 'Or do you want to work hard and go on to university then come into to university then come into the business and run it with me? 'I want to work hard, go on to university ... he says, mimicking his subservient spiel and chuckling.

As he rose smoothly through the company, finally taking over in 1992, there were constant comparisons with his more extrovert father. Did this bother him? He narrows his rves. "It's never been an issue with me. I've never been jenious of my lather. I've been proud of him. In terms of people saying 'Is he as good as his father?', it was water off a duck's back. If I was good enough it would show through in the end." He was not to have the opportunity to realise his business plans and now regrets not publicising them better. "I've always been a great believer in letting results come through. Not saying what I'm going to do before I do it."

But at the suggestion that he might be building a second empire so that he, too, has something to hand to his son, six-year-old Charles, he becomes defensive, "It's personal," he begins. "I'm very much in my prime. To go away and do nothing and just have fun, I didn't like the idea of. I think, if I live to a relatively old age, I'd like to feel that I'd left something behind, created something." He doesn't want, he says, "to saddle" his son with anything. Nevertheless, he loves the hotel business: "When I was 20, girls were more exciting. Now it's the business." He spreads his

hands and smiles. The transition was gradual, and took a long time - he did not marry until he was 42. Before that there was a string of beautiful, well-connected girlfriends. In the end he married an Italian girl, Aliai gist. She was just 16 when they first met, and they were reintroduced at his 40th birthday party, by which time she was No wonder he is already fearing the arrival of young men at his Chelsea home, hoping to date Lydia and her younger sister Irene.

resumably it was only at the second meeting that he entertained any real interest in Aliai? Erm, yes, I think it was probably that way, although she's mentioned she had her eyes on me. I met her in her swimsuit when she was 16 and I was very impressed.\*

Underneath the playboy image, however. Rocco was cautious and conservative. For him, choosing a wife was rather different from choosing a girlfriend. "It's always the right person that persuades you to get married, which was the case with me," he says carefully, before adding "and I don't regret the choice that I

"There's also, I think, a little bit of being ready for it, looking for it. Maybe if you don't want to get married, you don't look at the sort of girl that you might get married to. Some people get married and fall in love and that's it, but sometimes love is just infatuation, or it's a physical thing. It has to be ... I think with a Catholic upbringing you get married to stay married and have a family. To be able to do that you should want to be a

little bit objective about the sort of person you marry." And his criteria? He fences: "I don't know, I suppose someone who had a sense of

"She was very young then, she was 20, and she has changed - for the better I think. Nothing to do with me," he says, and gives that urbane laugh of his. At first it was hard for her, he admits. His social life revolved around the business. Many of their dinner companions would be sixtyish. "I think she found it tiring and tiresome. Occasionally, she said to me 'Can't we go out with some young people?"
Young meant under 50."

It is a marriage run on very traditional lines. She runs the house. He runs the business. During the takeover her role was to have dinner on the table at ten o'clock when he arrived home, often with executives. "I think she was quite emotional about the whole

thing. She tried to glean some scraps of information about what was going on then. I didn't have time to tell her. She must have been frustrated."

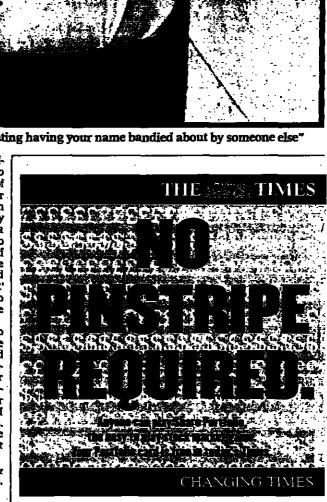
fun and a sense of the home. One wonders what they have in common. "Back to the agony aunt questions," he groans. To discuss his marriage in such terms, rather than with reference to his wife's beauty or artistic talent would be undignified. He struggles gamely on. "She likes music, she likes going to the opera. I'm not a great opera fan, but I like going to concerts a lot, so that's something we share. She likes going to museums, that's not ... I've always found it difficult to spare the time ... " He

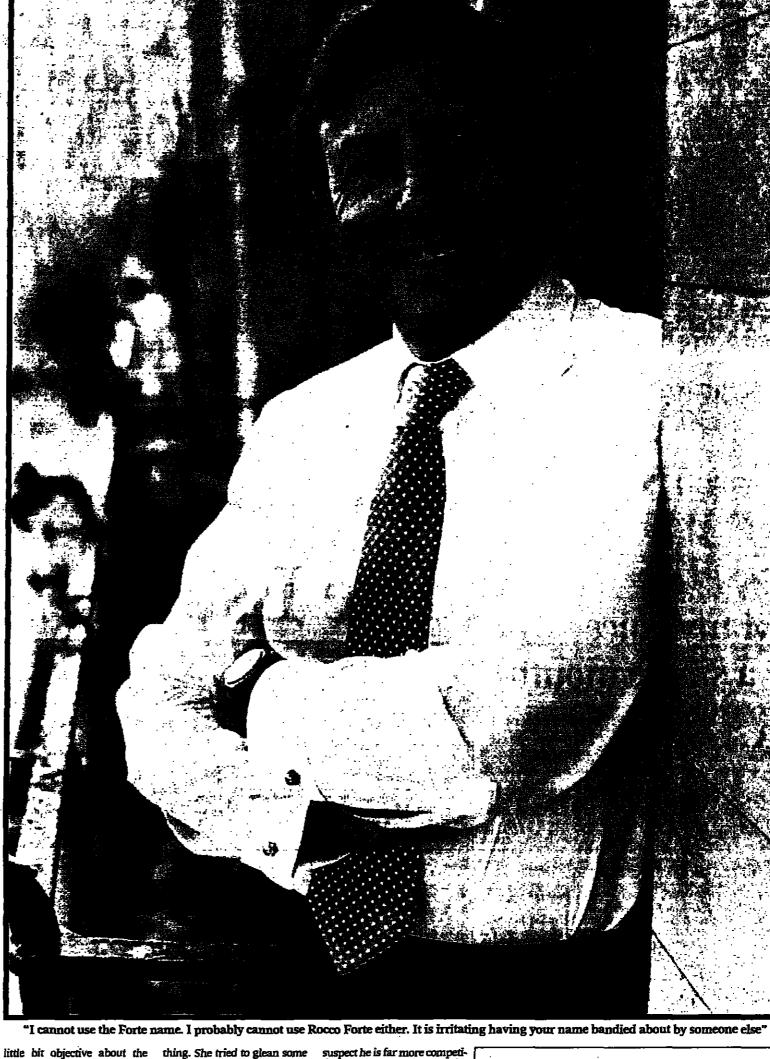
has more time now - but he still prefers to play golf.
One would think from this that he were a man's man. This is not really the case. With women, including myself, he is immensely charm-ing and courteous. With men I

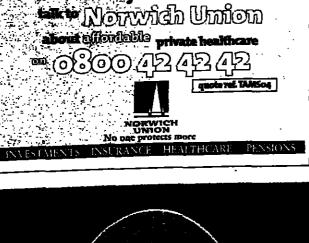
tive, less open. His Who's Who entry makes no mention of clubs, though he is a member of the Garrick. "I don't go in there much. I'm not a very clubby sort of man. Having a number of restaurants to go to - or rather used to - if someone said come and have lunch with me and I'd said "We're going to the Garrick" when we could have gone to the Hyde Park, it would have

looked a bit odd." It was Rocco Forte who installed Marco Pierre White at the Hyde Park Hotel and Nico Ladenis at the Grosvenor. Like them, his manner has softened somewhat. "Everyone says I'm much nicer since I got married. I think I mellowed a bit." he concedes, But as a businessman one senses that he is only just sharpening the cleaver.

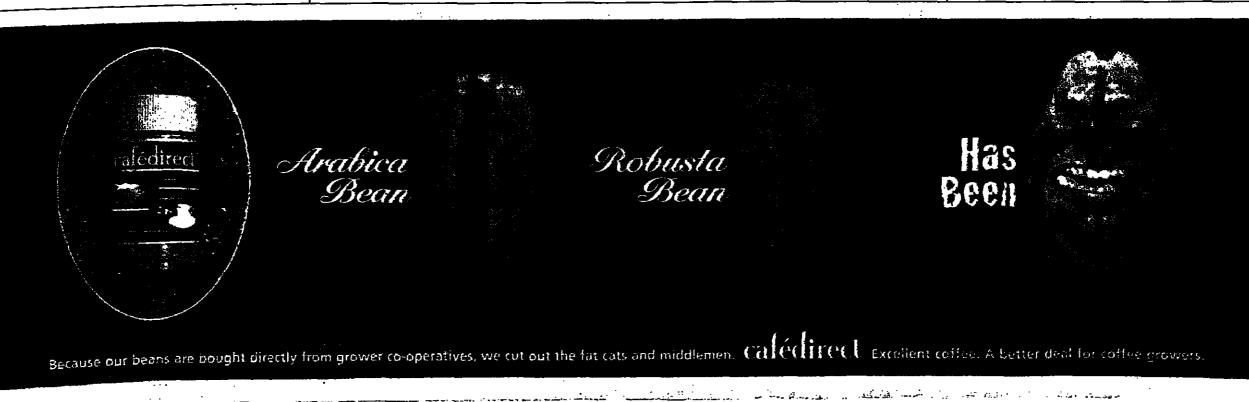
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# Two big hands for Steinbeck

YOU can almost smell the heat and dust rising off Ian Brown's compelling production of John Steinbeck's classic. From the moment the dirty, innerant heroes, George and the feeble-minded Lennie. pitch up on Robin Don's shimmering prairie set the potential for a tragic mess

seems an aching inevitability. George, a decent-hearted hobo who inherited Lennie with all the enthusiasm of a ball and chain, looks out for both of them as they drift west. scrabbling to earn a bit of stake money to buy their own piece of the American Dream. Lennie, a physically awesome giant with the mind of a child. treats his friend like his only parent. If the scenario seems in any way familiar it's because the novel continues to spawn celluloid clones in Hollywood. But when Steinbeck wrote this as a novel in 1937 (he always had every intention of turning it into a stage play). the dust bowls and the Wall Street Crash were still grim facts of life.

The wit and pleasure of Brown's production is how he suspends the predictable for two hours and 40 minutes. Turning up at a ranch for piece-work. George is forced to contend with a team of hard-bitten sharks, racists and old-timers who treat Lennie like a freak. Chief villain is Gary Whitaker's explosive Curley. Driven by his own nasty inadequacies, the pint-sized boss's son loses no opportunity to have a pop at Lennie, with finger-crunch-

With his wonderful deep. hollow voice, Tim Perrin manages the tricky feat of turning

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frustrating liability whose affectionate but fatal mishaps with mice and small dogs don't deter him from wanting to keep the corpses. It is an outstanding performance. sensitively shepherded by Martin Marquez, who shrewdly plays George on the wrong side of nice.

The harsh irony of Steinbeck's work is the claustrophobia that settles around his characters in this wide open space. Living and working in close proximity, small gripes grow into festering itches. Yet the outstanding feature of the play is loneliness and isolation. Like everyone else on the ranch, Karl Glenn Stimpson's mule skinner can't understand the strange and unnaturai chemistry of one man looking out for another, especially when one partner almost certainly costs the other

his share of the dream. If George's philanthropy looks saintly it's because Steinbeck couldn't resist the obvious sentimentality. However, the deep need to commune, rather than repress, is felt by everyone from Geff Francis's black (and hence battered) stable hand to Curley's sultry wife who hangs around the workers' quarters like a cloud of cheap trouble (an impressive professional debut by

**CHRISTOPHER** 

### Many voices with a single mouth

THE avenue is in Manhattan and the Prince is Hamlet, or rather a succession of the elderly residents of the Jewish retirement home who are rehearsing the role but expire before the performance. Eventually the 83-year-old Otto Korner takes on the welcome duty, and it is his commentary, crisply phrased yet generally benign, that conjures up the bickering, blustering fellowship of the residents of

the Emma Lazarus home. Alan Isler's excellent novel was published here two years ago and is now adapted by Kerry Shale, who speaks all the numerous parts himself: booming Benno Hamburger; simpering Tosca Davidowicz, the heavyweight down to play Ophelia: Lazar Poliakov, the snarling Stalinist. Shale thumbnails them with a gesture, a twist of the mouth and a pertinent tone of voice. 1 suspect he has introduced the line where Korner confesses. 'I'm told I have a modest gift for mimicry." but the addition is appropriate when a written memoir is turned into spoken

recollection. Life at the Emma Lazarus makes good entertainment. but there is more substance to the hook than that, and to Shale's adaptation too. For Korner remembers Europe: the Berlin where he was born. the Zurich of the years 1915 to

1918. Germany under Hitler. At first the focus is on Zurich, insanely safe in a continent at war, and what he chiefly remembers is the painful growth away from priggish sexual ignorance, the occasion when he finds the The Prince of West End Av.

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woman he adored in bed with Tristan Tzara directly bearing upon Hamlet's feelings for the Queen. Shale leaves out Korner's significant meeting with Lenin, and his unappreciated encounter with James Joyce, but some things have to go, and these episodes take the tale too close to Stoppard's

So far the mood has been wryly fond, even tender. But then he marries, becomes a father. The role of businessman oppresses him, but at last he has the chance to resume the literary career interrupted by the First World War. What he then writes, eagerly, smugly, even after Kristallnacht, is ne anguished substance of the evening's second half.

Directed by Sonia Fraser on an almost bare stage (designed by Jessica Stack), where memory creates a spread of leafless branches across the plain walls. Shale's impersonations, rapidly succeeding each other, are more than technically clever. He shifts the emotional level with the same skill, his voice seeming to hollow out as he recalls

the marriage he wrecked.
'How this fatal disaster began is too cursorily told as it is in the book - but no matter: the performance creates an absorbing evening of humour, history and pathos.

JEREMY KINGSTON

# Winner goes for a song

s soon as the American baritone Marcus De-A Loach had flung down the final laconic words of Charles Ives's song, Charlie Rutlage in his semi-final recital. I knew he was home and dry. A well-groomed voice, a flair for programme shaping, a fervent desire to communicate, and, above all, that elusive fusion of instinct and understanding which sparks a quality of imagination transcending mere accomplishment. This is what the jury was looking for, and this is what enabled the 23-year-old DeLoach to walk away with £12,000, donated by the Kohn Foundation, as the winner of

national Song Competition. The jury's decision was unanimous. This was unsurprising, as the semi-finals had thrown up a generally dull dozen. Perhaps the competition had been trawling the wrong fishing grounds; or perhaps the stocks are, after all, running low. Perhaps, given the Wigmore Hall's own ever-regenerating roster of young singers, we had been

the first Wigmore Hall Inter-

expecting too much. All too few singers showed DeLoach's awareness of the need to sell a song through the hard working of its words: his two sets of American songs, including five Copland settings, gripped the attention even in the most familiar lines.

**MUSIC:** It took

more than a good voice to land the first

Wigmore Hall

song contest languages and idioms. Even DeLoach's delivery grew more tense in Schubert and Fauré despite his good German and French. DeLoach has also recently won a Young Artist Award from the Opera The-

atre of Saint Louis: one can

only hope he will use his Wigmore prize money in the service of song itself. Many punters had put their money on the 28-year-old Gerbaritone Sebastian Noack. The jury's decision to award him only second prize was encouraging. It showed that a well-schooled and fluent command of Lieder was not their prime criterion. Noack had learnt many of the tricks of the trade, and was particularly convincing in his Schu-

bludgeon his audience rather than to woo them. Seduction was more the way of the gentle Stockholm-born baritone Herman Wallen who, at 19, showed great And few showed real under-standing of their non-native spirit of a song, be it the

bert. But he had a tendency to

bittersweet fancy of Samuel Barber or the Gallic wit of Poulenc. With guidance, his voice will doubtless begin to find firmer focus, and learn to define and project a perfor-

mance more boldly.

The declared intention of what has proved a uniquely good-natured and thoughtful competition is to extend awareness and appreciation of the richness of the song repertoire itself. In providing no fewer than 52 recitals in a week, it has uncovered much that is rich and strange. Alison Bauld's Banquo's Buried, Rautavaara's Shakespeare Sonnets. Rangström's Kung Eriks Visor took their place beside classics of the repertoire. The accompanist's prize, won by the outstanding Dutch pianist, Roger Braun, underlines the seriousness and inclusiveness of a competition whose continuation can only provide much-needed support for a vulnerable art form which is yet at the very core of

human expression. HILARY FINCH



Richard Cork on the Royal Academy's sensational show of works from Charles Saatchi's collection

# The Establishment clubbed

ntil now, Charles atone for its disgraceful, anti-Saatchi has displayed his extraordinary collection in the dazzling, minimal whiteness of a converted factory in St John's Wood, This week, though, the most munificent patron of young British artists has made a risky move. The bulk of his holdings in the less disturbing than Hirst's work produced by this feisty later sliced animals. new generation is invading the Aware of the gallery's hisaugust portals of the Royal toric context, the organisers Academy. Flaunting its ability have cleverly pinpointed new

to ignite controversy, the show has been given the inflammatory title Sensation. The rebels have stormed the bastions of conservatism, and howls from outraged academicians are still bouncing around the walls of Burlington House. By making an hysterical attempt to ban Marcus Harvey's painting of Myra Hindley, the crustiest acade-

micians have revealed just how ugly their censorious hatred can be. If they do fulfil the threat to resign in protest, their departure will be the Academy's gain. It has spent much of the 20th century condemning the most vital impulses in modern art, and the advent of the Saatchi Collection was bound to be ferociously resisted by its most diehard members. So I am delighted that the exhibition will open on Thursday, with the Hindley painting defiantly in place. The show's arrival is a welcome sign that the Acade-

my has belatedly decided to

quated intolerance in the past. The first room, inevitably, is dominated by Damien Hirst's iconic tiger shark, eerily suspended in its tank of misty green formaldehyde. Now all of six years old, the notorious behemoth is beginning to look rather frayed, and seems far

tion. Surrounded here by Mark Wallinger's immaculate, frieze-like paintings of thoroughbred racehorses. some reflected in the glass tank, the stillness of the shark shares their kinship with the work of George Stubbs. Even a work as provocative as Marc Ouinn's blood-saturated head, refrigerated inside its steel and Perspex sepulchre, seems surprisingly at home here. It has been placed, with a feeling for ironic juxtaposition, below classical roundels filled with noble 19th-century heads of Renaissance masters. Part of the room's original architecture, they suggest that Quinn

might suppose. So is Rachel Whiteread. Although she casts most of her sculptures from ordinary household objects, they end up stirring memories of antiquity. Even her masterpiece, the aptly named Ghost, tran-

is far more conscious of the art

of the past than his detractors

scends its origins as the cast of a commonplace London living room. Majestically positioned at the far end of a suite of galleries, this purged and melancholy plaster can already be ranked among the classic British sculptures of the present century.

Scattered across the opposite Ghost, Richard Billing powerful ham's photographs remind us lives that might once have been led inside Whiteread's now-silent living room. dysfunctional family, Billingham's intimate pictures frankly

depict the tension, boredom and pathos of existence inside this claustrophobic home. But his painter's eye ensures that some of these images, especially of his mother, possess an unexpected magnificence as

Not all the Academy's rooms boast such pertinent pairings of artists. Whiteread's Untitled (One Hundred Spaces), with its glowing blocks of resin ranged in orderly ranks like gravestones in a war cemetery, deserves to be displayed on its own. But paintings by artists such as entry have been ranged above,

and their diversity is a distraction. In his St John's Wood gallery, Saatchi never mixes exhibitors together. Hirst is seen at his toughest

in the room containing his bisected pig. its two halves echoing the movement of a slicing machine as they glide slowly past each other on a

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to atone **7** hung near by, pursues the same rotting-meat theme in terms of a staring human face.

Those who protest that Sensation is a "conceptual" conspiracy hatched by malignant "anti-art" forces take no account of the painters plentifully on view here. They show how catholic Saatchi's taste really is. At one extreme, he savours the severe, minimalist abstraction of Jason Martin, while at the other Jenny Saville's colossal paintings of mountainous female nudes could hardly be more figurative. She is the most "academic" artist to be found here, and cosmetic surgery makes her work chime with the darker obsessions pursued by other, ess conventional exhibitors. Fiona Rae continues to beguile and astound with her

vases. She is most effectively displayed in one of the most flamboyant rooms, where Yinka Shonibare's trio of wax-print cotton textiles are as shameless, in their way, as Gary Hume's brazen Transvestite near by. Anyone who accuses the new British art of joylessness should look out for

where a decaying a gruesome smear of blood beset by flies, the pig sculpture sums up Hirst's ability to tackle death with mordant humour. Alain Miller's virtuoso painting Eye Love Eye,

Matisse, though, he is sinister as well as sensuous. And none of the other artists could be described as straightforwardly celebratory. Even Chris Ofili, whose extravagant and orgiastic paintings flaunt glitter and map pins among the swirls of oil and acrylic, rests all his paintings on balls of elephant dung. Mona Hatoum invites us to sit down at a table laid for a meal and then confronts us, on an otherwise empty plate, with a surgical camera's exploration of her mouth, throat and stomach. Tracey Emin is even more willing to indulge in selfyet her preoccupation with exposure, encouraging us to

dered with the names of Everyone I have ever slept There is nothing discreet or

cosily reassuring about new British art. Taking as their virtuoso, exclamatory canspringboard a celebrated Goya etching of war's atrocity. Jake & Dinos Chapman produce their own sculptural version peopled with shopmannequins. spares us nothing in terms of gory mutilation, just as Sarah Lucas's Bunny twists the female body into a grotesquely deformed figure. Obsessed Hume's work, scattered with violation, her art is through the show and enlivenfuelled by disgust, private pain ing it at every turn with and an awareness, in Sod You Gits, of how female sexuality is distorted by the tabloid

owever much Hume may owe to Lucas refuses to ignore the least palatable aspects of late 20th-century life, and this is the grim context in which Harvey's painting of Myra Hindley deserves to be placed. Far from cynically exploiting her notoriety, Harvey's grave and monumental canvas succeeds in conveying the enormity of the crime she committed. Seen from afar, through several doorways, Hindley's face looms at us like an apparition. By the time we get close enough to realise that it is

spattered with children's handprints, the sense of menace becomes overwhelming. Sensation at the Royal Academv, London WI (0171-439 7438) from Thurs until Dec 28

### AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

MURIEL PEMBERTON, who died in 1993, was a painter with a strong sense of theatrical flourish. Best known for her influence on clothes design — she taught many subsequently famous designers, including Bill Gibb and Bruce Oldfield — she adopted what was essentially a painterly approach: her pupils were encouraged to sketch fashion designs freehand in watercolour. She was passion-

ately committed watercolour throughout her life, regularly painting landscapes, flower-pieces and ab-stracts in a dazzling range of saturated colours. The memorial show at Chris Beetles is in effect a studio sale, covering her brilliant fashion work as well as the paintings she regularly showed at the Royal Academy and the Royal Waterculour Society from the 1930s on. Surely if she had

been less famous for fashion she would have been more famous for art. Chris Beetles, 8 & 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (0171-839 7551), until Oct 3

☐ IN CONTRAST, Alison Lambert eschews colour completely in her new show — if, that is, you do not regard her infinite gradations of black charcoal on white paper as a colour effect in itself. Nor are her large drawings simply works on paper. She continues to pursue the strange effects produced by building up the paper on which her drawings are made almost as one would construct in papier mache, irregular fragments applied one on top of another until something like the surface of antique, crumbling plaster is obtained. The subjects are redolent of classical myth. even if precise references are

of humans or of bulls seem to belong to a distant world in which Poussin would have felt completely at home, but at the same time the sensibility is completely modern, without the faintest hint of modish Post-Modern pastiche. Jill George Gallery, 38 Lexing-ton Street, WI (0171-439 7419), until Oct 17

THE subjects of the new show by Suzanne Periman are all drawn from the infinite variety of London, and show a city at once familiar and unfamiliar, transfigured by an Expressionist force of emotion and the light that never was on land or sea. Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NWS (017)-624

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THE SCHOOL LEAVING LAW HAS CHANGED! This is important news for young people who'll be 16 during this school year, and

for their parents and their future employers. There is now a single date when young people can legally leave school and take a full time job. That date is the last Friday in June; in 1998 it will be FRIDAY 26 JUNE. Young people won't be able to leave before then even if they're already 16. The Government intends that the change in the law will help more young people get GCSEs and other useful

qualifications, and benefit from high-quality work experience, before they leave school, Further details are available from schools, local education authorities, the Careers Service or Job Centres, or by writing to: School Atlandance Team, DiEE, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT. Email: info@dfee.gov.uk .



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OPERA: John Higgins surveys a spate of recordings, books and exhibitions commemorating Maria Callas

wenty years ago to-day. Maria Callas day, Maria Callas died. At lunchtime some of those who worked with her, a diminishing band, will meet at La Scala, Milan, to commemorate the date. An exhibition also opens there to mark her association with the house. sometimes stormy but more often triumphant, which began with Verdi's Vespri Siciliani in 1951 and lasted until Cherubini's Medea in 1962. The show will travel to America and Japan.

That is just one of many anniversary events planned round the globe. In London Lord Harewood recalls the diva this evening in a lecture at the Royal Society of Arts. He is the right man to do the talking. When he was at Covent Garden he worked hard to persuade the general administrator. David Webster, to engage her. He succeeded, and Callas's superh London debut in Norma, in November 1952, was her first European engagement outside Italy and her native Greece.

At the Barbican there is a small exhibition, under the title of The Robert Clark Collection, of photographs taken during her visit to Dallas in 1957 after one of her periodic rows with Ghiringhelli, then boss of La Scala. A little late in the day, London's Hellenic Centre puts on yet another Callas show, starting next month. And of course Paris, where she died on the afternoon of September 16, 1977, has got in on the act. Last bly reach first for Donizetti's trolled notes of the aria fade.

her honour.

Photographs, dresses, memories and memorabilia may all help to resurrect the legend. But they cannot disguise the fact that little of Callas exists on film, or that what remains has been recycled too often. Perhaps the greatest regret is that Franco Zeffirelli's planned film of her as Tosca in 1965 was scuppered by the machinations of Herbert von Karajan and Callas's lover of the time, "Ari" Onassis. Karajan had brought the film rights from Puccini's publisher. Ricordi, and sat on them. Onassis offered the derisory sum of \$10,000 in support, which Callas claimed be-

longed to her anyway. Beware of fellow Greeks bearing gifts". This murky episode is sold in David Bret's Maria Callas, The Tigress and the Lamb, the latest biography of Callas, which comes out this month (Robson Books).

er chief monu-ment, unless the Place de l'Alma close to where she lived in Paris really does become the Place Maria Callas, will remain her recordings. Fortunately, EMI has been releasing practically every Callas item that exists in the company's copious archives. The process began last March with 20 operas on CD and continues this month with a further nine operas at mid price, and 13 recital discs. Callas admirers will proba-

week there was a concert in Poliuto (CMS 5 65448 2). which began life as a pirate recording. Paolina was her last new role, and it was chosen with care.

The disc is taken from the opening night of the 1960 Scala season. Her return to the house was fraught. She had left it two years earlier after another of those lights with Ghiringhelli following Belli-ni's Il pirata. Luchino Visconti, whom she trusted, had walked out of directing Poliuto after a row with the Italian Government. However. Donizetti throws most of the weight on the tenor in the title role and Franco Corelli. then at the peak of his form, was there to take this on.

Corelli was probably the best of Callas's tenor partners, just as Mario del Monaco was one of her longstanding enemies. Corelli is with her again on her second Norma recording (7243 5 66428 2). At midprice this is a bargain. So too is the live recording made with Karajan of Lucia di Lammer-moor in Berlin in 1954 (7243 5 66438 2). During Callas's final lonely days in Paris this was the set most likely to be on her

The pick of the recital discs is The EMI Rarities (7243 5 66468 2), which has several previously unreleased items. Most remarkable is a mono version of the Sleepwalking Some from Verdi's Macheth, made in London in 1958. where Callas's Lady M seems to disappear into thin air as the last, wonderfully con-

## Austerity rules in prison

WE MAY be in for an austere operatic autumn if the first two new productions of the season are anything to go by. At the New Theatre, Christian Fenouillat's set for the Welsh National Opera's Fidelio is. like the Royal Opera's Giulio Cesare, a plain wooden floor. There's a dark backcloth and a couple of strands of barbed wire and that's it. But there set is most beautifully lit by Christophe Forey, and the producers Patrice Caurier and Moshe Leiser position both soloists and the huge chorus - all in Agostino Cavalca's unobtrusive modern dress - on that bare stage with such eloquence that the result is a series of magical

stage pictures. Caurier and Leiser also recognise that the spoken dialogue is an integral part of the drama and have rehearsed it as such. And there is nothing literal in their direction: no one is kneeling when the Minister tells them not to, Florestan sings about

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darkness in a pool of bright ochre light, and the gravedigging is quietly schematic, all of which lends the action a gentle epic dimension.

The austerity is there from

curtain-rise. There is no lightness of touch in the treatment of Marzelline and Jaquino, no suggestion of the opéra-comique roots of Beethoven's vision, so the action doesn't go on as long a journey as it should, my only serious reservation. And there is one big shock: in the finale the Minister (Andrew Greenan) marches Pizarro off stage, and a shot rings out. Beethoven's new dawn has some clouds at its edge, yes, maybe, but it's not in the music.

All the music is wonderfully conducted by Carlo Rizzi. with bright-toned, vigorously accented playing from the orchestra and magnificent choral singing. The solo per-

formances are none of them exceptional but add up to a thoroughly cohesive ensemble. Suzanne Murphy looks marvellous in male disguise. but stresses Leonore's femininity - she's no Valkyrie capable of gobbling up four Pizarros before breakfast. She was in strong voice, and her rather personal approach to pitch may worry others more than it does me.

Donald McIntyre plays Rocco as a kindly old buffer. The interesting casting of Adrian Thompson, famous for his Mozart and Handel, as Florestan was slightly undermined by his singing the aria as though auditioning for Siegfried, but he certainly has the notes. Gidon Saks was the eminently hissable Pizarro. Rebecca Evans and Peter Hoare slightly abstract as Marzelline and Jaquino, inevitable given the production. A serious, thoughtful, orchestrally outstanding Fidelio, not quite a great one.



RODNEY MILNES Every inch a prima donna: Maria Callas as Norma at the Royal Opera House in 1957 presentation.

# Hollywood says hello

WHATEVER one thought of the stadium karaoke of last month's Songs and Visions concert, it was hard to gainsay the vocal and visual elegance in Toni Braxton's performance of her signature song. Unbreak My Heart.

After taking that Wembley Stadium challenge in her stride, it was time to find out whether her Hollywood looks and velveteen vocals would withstand the full glare of 90 minutes stage centre next door at the Arena. Braxton's band are a mean

little recording act in their own right. Mint Condition, a sextet from St Paul, Minnesota, have long impressed with their blend of sweet, street-corner vocals and jazzy instrumentation. They played an opening set here of substance, hampered by a wretchedly cacophonous audio mix but otherwise impressive on such singles as U Send Me Swingin' and the recent What Kind of Man Would I Be.

Braxton's second album. Secrets, has no apparent intentions of leaving the British bestsellers after an unbroken tenure of 14 months, admitting her into that female vocal elite - Whitney, Mariah, Janet for whom first-name terms suffice. To the approbation of a surprisingly young audience, every moment of her

live occasion was on display. She hit the stage with all the cabaret bells and whistles big staircase entrance, four singers, two dancers, an eight-hreakneck early pace hinted at nervousness, but slowly and surely Braxton brought her personality to bear, even if it was an archetypically glitzy American persona that made the evening feel more like a high-sheen television special than an interactive live event.

All the familiar tactics were deployed, right down to the mock seduction of The Guy From The Audience during I Love Me Some Him. During one of many costume changes it was time to meet the Braxtons, her younger sisters. whose short disco medley belied the promising individuality of their own So Many Ways album.

An evening of large-scale, if sometimes ersatz, emotion reached its peak as Big Sis Toni paid the inevitable royal tribute and the lighters clicked along to Unbreak My Heart.

PAUL SEXTON

### Me, myself and I

THE latest in a torrent of female singer-songwriters currently enjoying huge commercial success in America, Paula Cole could almost have been conceived in a laboratory for 1990s women rockers. In line with such platinum-selling peers as Tori Amos and Meredith Brooks, this former backing vocalist for Peter Gabriel is fluent in psychotherapy jargon and occasionally drops four-letter words into her folky lyrics to give herself a fashionably laddish edge.

But, alternating between reflective ballads and howling angst at Shepherds Bush Empire, this 29-year-old Bostonian invited more parallels with Kate Bush or Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks than with her immediate contemporaries. Her seasoned three-man band strummed an inoffensive blend of country, folk and low-voltage rock, while Cole herself tingled a few spines with her pure falsetto yodel.

Alas, most of the songs from This Fire, her new album, proved graceless and devoid of spark. Even her recent hit ingle Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?, widely interpretated as a hymn to pre-feminist gender stereo-types, sounded flat and cumbersome.

On stage, Cole's fraught demeanour appeared jarringly theatrical. Each song was accompanied by an outlandish repertoire of orgasmic spasms and wild hand gestures, even during low-key numbers which would have benefited from more subtle

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In fairness, self-obsession is a hallmark of most great rock performers. But it was the singular lack of humour, objective distance or ability to inspire empathy with these private little tantrums which made Cole's show such an uninvolving spectacle.

If anything in this set could be called a highlight, it was Cole's solo piano ballad from her unsuccessful debut album Harbinger. Although not exactly a show-stopper, this tranquil interlude at least seemed to reflect the singer's natural self, rather than some record company marketing department's notion of a 1990s female rocker.

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# Let's hear it for Black Wednesday

Major's disaster was our

gain, says Anatole Kaletsky

as John Major right, after all? Five years ago today, the former Prime Minister suffered the greatest humiliation of his career. Indeed, to judge by the instant collapse of the Tories' opinion poll ratings and the unprecedented swing against them in the subsequent general election, the pound's expulsion from the European exchange-rate mechanism on Black Wednesday, September 16, 1992, was perhaps the greatest political catastrophe to have befallen a British Government outside wartime.

Mr Major was soon being accused of manifest incompetence in his decision to join the ERM at an overvalued exchange rate. He was charged with outright stupidity for wasting the Bank of England's currency reserves in his futile attempt to keep sterling above the magic ERM level of DM2.78. If only Mr Major had accepted that exchange rates were not national totems, but simply prices, which must reflect the economic fundamentals. If only he had heeded the "siren voices" who told him that British industry was being permanently crippled by the overvalued currency. If only Mr Major had understood economics, he

might still have been Prime Minister.
Hear, hear, to all that. Everybody now knows that politicians "can't buck the markets" and

that currency dealers know best. Yet, to look back after five years of economic prosperity and liberation, one nagging paradox does arise. If Mr Major was really so stupid, and if the speculators were so clever, how is it that history

has proved the former Prime

Minister to have been right and the markets wrong?

Today, after all, the pound is back at DM2.83, well above the old ERM floor. A few weeks ago it was soaring towards its old ERM ceiling of DM3.13. If the omniscient markets were right to believe on Black Wednesday that the pound was hopelessly overvalued, why do we now have the lowest unemployment, the fastest economic growth and the most popular Government

in Europe?

One possible answer to this paradox can, I think, be dismissed. Some economists believe that British industry is as vulnerable today as it was then; the economy will go down the drain, they argue, if sterling remains much longer in the "overvalued" territory it has occupied this year.

However, exports are growing, the balance of payments is strong and jobs are being created, despite the depressed state of demand in many European markets. Exporting companies are generally cop-ing with the high exchange rate, albeit at the cost of lower profits than a year ago. While most companies and their shareholders would certainly prefer a less demanding exchange rate, few directors or stock market analysts seem to view the difference between a pound worth DM2.90 and one worth DM2.60 as a matter of life or death.

So does today's economic competitiveness imply that Britain could have soldiered on in the ERM if Mr Major had somehow succeeded in defending the pound? The

answer is probably yes.

If Mr Major had managed to persuade the German Government and the Bundesbank to back sterling as visibly and decisively as they backed the French franc in its numerous crises, it can be said with the benefit of hindsight that the pound could probably have been defended at DM2.95. Would the country and the Government have been better or worse off if Germany had

come to the pound's defence? Mr Major's political fortunes would not have been improved if we had stayed in the ERM. If the pound had been rescued with German help then, Britain would have been forced to become a founder member of the European monetary union. From that moment on, any deviation from European orthodoxy by our Government would have been punished by speculative attacks on the pound and a removal of the implicit Bundesbank guarantee. Ignoring the loss of economic

sovereignty implied by joining EMU in the long term, the short-term political costs of His policies commitment to fastwould have bership would have put a been horrendous, since the public secmillion on tor deficit would have been reduced the dole through tax in-

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And what about the economy? It would not have "collapsed" any more than did the French economy in its decade of ERM-induced travails. British companies would have reduced their costs even more aggressively than they did. Wages would not merely have stagnated — they would have fallen. bringing house prices down even further and prolonging the slump of 1992 for at least another year.

ventually, though, Brit-ain would have begun to recover in late 1993, along with the economies of Germany and France. British interest rates would have stayed higher for longer than they did in the aftermath of Black Wednesday. But in the end they would also have fallen even further - to the level of 3 per cent now seen in Germany and France. British unemployment, however, would still be above 10 per cent, as in those two countries. instead of the present 5.9 per cent. To put it another way, if Mr Major's policies had "succeeded" on Black Wednesday, a million more Britons would

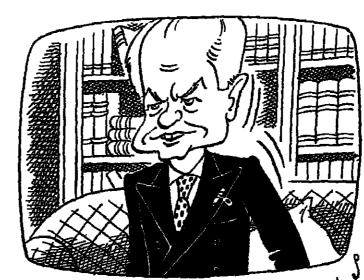
still be on the dole five years on.
In sum, a further generation of Britons would have had their lives blighted by mass unemployment. And the country would have lost forever the right to manage its own economy — a right which has proved so valuable in the past five years. These would have been the costs of Mr Major being proved right.



"IT IS DESPICABLE THAT POLITICIANS ...



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HOW DID I DO, SIR DAVID?"

# People who need people

The point is made, the long andante finished. It is time to stop sniffling, put our jackets back on and step up the tempo. Let us talk of bus conductors, park-keepers and men with mops. For we know the message now: everybody, from Mr Blair down, has made it clear that this is now officially a kinder, more huggable Britain. The word "People" has been printed so often that it is starting to look odd. Analysts agree that after two breastheaving emotional catharses in half a year, we have cast off cruel shoulderpadded 1980s individualism and

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conductors. Scrooge, in his unreformed phase, has been running
Britain for far too long, and the
vanishing bus conductor is the symbol of his chilly power. At the British
Association last week, its president.
Sir Derek Roberts, spoke of one-man
buses clogging up city streets and
increasing pollution. He said that
getting rid of conductors may have
made a marginal saving but it led to
greater costs overall. Buses stop
while people pay, which holds up
traffic, causing fumes, delay, stress,
and general inefficiency.

and general inefficiency. It is a grim reflection on modern business practice that it drives the British Association to say something so obvious. Common sense could have told the bus companies that getting rid of conductors was a burn idea from the start. Common purpose should have made the Government stop them doing it. Not only has it made buses more obstructive, but also less safe and less sociable for all (including the unfortunate driver). It was a mean, narrow piece of thinking, devoid of vision, imagination and a sense of how humanity works. And as such, it was absolutely typical

And as such, it was absolutely typical of life today.

Mechanistic, short-sighted short-termism has damaged government, business, health, happiness and morale, and in the end saved nothing. Sir Derek also cited the Alzheimer's drug Aricept, which the NHS considers too expensive. He complains in baffled tones that this verdict fails

Talk of a kinder country is fine, but who will halt the rush to downsize?

even to take into account the obvious saving to the welfare system if thousands of carers were released from their 24-hour burden.

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But then, Sir Derek is an engineer; to him it must be second nature to look beyond the actual bolt you are fiddling with. If members of his profession took to economising on head-gaskets, laying off quality controllers because they haven't found any faults that week, or re-drawing bridge arches to use less steel, things would fall visibly to pieces and they would get blamed. By contrast, managers and ministers have been

sabotaging human structures with mean and myopic decisions for years, and getting clean away with it. By the time anybody realises what a mess they made of things, they are miles away, with a fistful of non-execu-

tive directorships. There is almost no aspect of life in Britain which has not been touched by the dead hand of short-term, beancounters' economies. Companies have "downsized" and "outsourced" because it makes a short-term saving. and found that in the process they lost loyal, experienced workers from the cutting edge, and gained edgy and stressful relationships with independent companies who have no interest beyond getting the cheque in. So now Britco pic is guarded by a phalanx of surly security men who have no idea what the company actually does, is cleaned by women who have been sacked and re-hired for less money so many times that they no longer have an iota of pride in their work, and manned by an ever-shrinking core of fretful executives trying to control an ever more unpredictable flotilla of outside contractors. If you phone Britco, you will not get a knowledge-able, helpful human being — they made Mrs Boggins redundant - but a blast of Vivaldi. a bossy electronic order to "press the star key now", and a string of instructions which presuppose that you already know all about the company, including which exten-

sion you want.

All right, Britco may like working that way and truly believe itself to be "efficient". It is a private company and may go to the devil its own way. But the same management-school naivete has blighted public services, too. For 20 years it has been axiomatic that anybody who takes a proprietorial pride and delight in doing a simple service job must be sacked, and replaced by some small fraction of a contract company which doesn't give a damn. Sometimes they are not replaced at all: in any dole queue you may find people to look at some local building, footpath, play-

ing-field or apparatus and say "I used to look after that, breaks my heart to see it the way it is now".

We close down things to make "economies" without ever studying the wider social (and therefore economic) benefits they might have had. Schools have gone, crippling communities; so have cottage hospitals. Yet when they closed our local maternity

Schools have gone, crippling communities; so have cottage hospitals. Yet when they closed our local maternity hospital nobody even attempted to quantify its wider benefits, or see how well patients did in the months after leaving it, compared with mothers who went to the city hospital. The little hospital gave close nursing care. breast-feeding help, peace and serenity; my hunch is (we shall never know, because nobody asked) that its mothers and babies ended up costing the nation far less in medicines. antidepressants and social care than those who had a rushed stay in the hig acute hospital.

And who has ever worked out the cost in vandalism and degraded environments of cutting back on park-keepers and pedestrian policemen? Or the cost in lifelong illiteracy of maintaining huge primary school dasser?

Who has estimated the number of rail journeys crossly aborted in favour of the car, simply because the new central enquiry number needs to have obscure station names speit out for it, and has no idea at all whether your elderly aunt will have to climb any stairs between platforms if she

changes at Peterborough? Has coastal safety really benefited from the fact that when you ring the coastguard he is in a windowless room 20 miles inland, not in a hut on a clifftop? Is road safety well served by the way that most garages are no longer manned by people who know anything about strange smells from under the bonnet of cars, but by one cashier not allowed to leave her bulletproof glass cubicle?

A great many of the false economies which plague us have involved getting rid of employees, which is understandable. The industrial disputes and demands of the 1970s convinced employers that human beings were the most troublesome of raw materials, to be kept to a minimum. Periodic shakeouts are inevitable in any organisation, and the demand to "protect jobs" for their own sake was always stupid. A heavy burden of blame for all our present troubles should be borne by all those governments which were not tough enough to say so, and which cumbered employers with unreasonable

ut the pendulum has swung too far: a mass of necessary. effective, socially desirable jobs such as bus-conducting and minding municipal flowerbeds and answering telephones have been lost, while countless people with intelligence and goodwill and a capacity for loyalty are drawing the dole. Yet for a remedy we do not look outward and backward to a more sociable, well-manned age: we look inward. We splash out on ever madder management theories, expensive consultants, wordy mission statements and focus weekends in country house hotels. We create new obs, but only useless ones.

Even the most practical professions are beset by this nonsense. I treasure a story told to me by a hospital radiographer. He came in one morning to find that overnight a patient had bled in his scanner, which therefore needed immediate cleaning before the day's appointments. He rang up and asked for a man with a mop. Instead, after a lengthy interval he got an NHS trust administrator with a clipboard to do a Cleaning

Needs Assessment. She had no mop. You can draw all sorts of morals from this tale, but maybe we should link it to the current rhetoric. If we're so fond of the People, why not start by hiring some?

But that is not the end of the referendum story. Next year it will be London's turn, when five million voters are invited to endorse the Government's plans for a new Greater London Authority. And the year after that we may all vote in a nationwide referendum on electoral reform for the House of Commons—and possibly on entry into the European single currency.

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Referendums need a

legal framework,

says Robert Hazell

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Each of us may vote in as many as three referendums during this Parliament in the two nationwide polls and on devolution for our part of the kingdom. After Scotland, Wales, and London, other devolution referendums to which the Government is committed are in Northern Ireland, to approve the terms of any peace settlement, and in the regions of England, should it get so far as establishing regional assemblies.

We are stumbling into this in a typically British, make-it-up-as-you-go-along fashion. But referendums need rules. Our only previous experi-ence of them dates from the 1970s. when, as now, they came in a wave. There was the Northern Ireland border poll of 1973, the referendum on the renegotiated terms of accession to the EEC in 1975, and the Scottish and Welsh referendums in 1979. It did not occur to the last Labour Government to devise a set of rules, because it did not occur to it that referendums would be used at all frequently. Although James Callaghan recognised that the referendum might be a "last, desperate liferaft into which any government might be obliged to climb". Harold Wilson was at pains to reassure Parliament in 1975 that he was determined not to repeat "the constitutional experiment

of the referendum". There is less excuse for such a relaxed attitude now, as the dangerous constitutional innovation of the 1970s becomes the standby of the 1990s. But what kind of rules might be required? The most obvious ones would prescribe when governments should be obliged to hold a referendum. There is an understandable wish to codify what kinds of constitutional change must be referred to the electorate, given the endless wrangling over Maastricht and monetary union. Understandable, but very difficult to achieve with our unwritten constitution.

Even countries with codified constiuse of the referendum and the rules are left to the government to decide. In the United Kingdom it is doubly difficult because, without a written constitution, there is no accepted way of defining a "constitutional issue" The Constitutional Conference of 1910, held to resolve the possibility of deadlock between the House of Lords and the Commons, wrestled with precisely this question; but all proposals foundered on the difficulty (and, some believe, the undesirability) of distinguishing constitutional from ordinary legislation.

Even when used simply as a political device, referendums still need rules to ensure that they are fairly conducted, and that the results are accepted as legitimate. Take, for example, the devolution campaigns in Scotland and Wales, where the Government either has, or is about to, distribute a summary of its proposals to every household. A video is also available. No such facilities have been offered to "no" campaigners. But in 1975, both "yes" and "no" leaflets were distributed at the taxpayers' expense. In countries with laws governing referendums, the electorate is assured of both sides of the argument.

In future referendums, the Government should separate the roles of player and umpire, giving the task of umpire to an independent commission, as is done in Australia, New Zealand, and Quebec. The commission would advise on the wording of the referendum question, liaise with campaign groups, ensure the fair presentation of public information and supervise the poll.

The referendum on electoral reform may bring all of this closer. The
Government is pledged to hold that
referendum during this Parliament,
which locks it into an alarmingly
tight timetable. If the electorate votes
for change, people will be surprised if
the next general election is not
conducted under the new system. The
Government may not seek a vote for
change, but it will still need to put in
place machinery to bring it about.

Central to this is an electoral commission, which could implement the necessary boundary reviews more swiftly and effectively than existing Boundary Commissions. Most Commonwealth countries have electoral commissions, which conduct referendums where they are held. If the Government is smart, it will provide for such a commission it he legislation authorising the referendum on electoral reform — and charge it with ensuring that in future our referendums have rules.

Robert Hazell is the Director of the Constitution Unit. University College London, and was a member of the independent Commission on the Conduct of Referendums.

# Final score

A MUSIC master at Cheltenham Ladies College, that bastion of feminine innocence and decorum, has left the school abruptly after his friendship with a pupil came to the attention of the headmistress.

the attention of the headmistress.

Last week Vicky Tuck, principal, informed members of the choir — hard at work preparing for a performance of the Messiah — that John Wright, the choirmaster, would not be returning this term to continue the musical education of his charges. She blamed his relationship with a girl in the upper

sixth, whose name has been passed to me but chivalery prevents me from disclosing. She told the girls not to speak of this in case it should get into the newspapers.

The school — whose alumni include Kristin Scott-Thomas, Virginia Bottomley, Stella Rimington and Maggie Smith — confirm he "left very suddenly" last week.

"left very suddenly" last week.
When one of my staff rang Mr
Wright, he said: "Anything that is
to be said, should be said by the
head mistress." Ms Tuck was
equally quiet. "I am not here to



Cheltenham gals in much earlier days



speak about people that I care for." she offered, rather oddly. "I have nothing else to say."

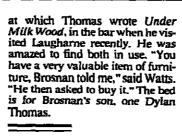
### B and B

PACEY thrillers and yellowing copies of Jane's Defence Weekly might be considered the extent of James Bond's literary tastes. But Pierce Brosnan, who plays Bond, has a most peculiar penchant for

Dylan Thomas.

Brosnan is negotiating to buy the late poet's bed. Stationed on Thomas's houseboat, it was given to Tom Watts by Caitlin, Dylan's wife, in 1972, when she left the area. "Its just a simple double-bed," says Watts, of Browns Hotel, an favourite West Wales watering hole of the poet's. "I suppose it could tell a few

Brosnan saw the bed, and a table



Sharp practice SHARPENING his blade, Archie "the axe" Norman is bringing su-



"We will now sing that fine Welsh song, Keep the Home Fires Burning"

permarket management techniques to Tory Central Office.

Unidentified men in suits have been pacing around the building, casually asking people exactly what they do. All too often an awkward silence has followed, and staff are digging in for a fight against the Asda whizzkid and new party vice-chairman.

"We are terrified," says one. "We suspect he will be brutal and will bring in a small group of managers." Regional representatives have been summoned to Central Office; many are expected to make their journey home, as Lord Tebbit would have it, on their bicycles.

● My picture, right, depicts Louise King, who is to star opposite Hugh Grant in Notting Hill, a romantic comedy sending up trustafarians. Liz Hurley is not alarmed — Louise is a friend and the girlfriend of William Cash. One problem: for the kiss, Grant will have to climb on steps as Miss King is well over 6ft tall.

### Faith triumphs

IF putting your daughter on the stage is a risky venture, releasing her into the care of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity would seem a fairly sure way of protecting her virtue.



But the father of Sister Nirmali Joshi, Mother Teressa's successor, was doubtful. Mahananda Joshi arrived at Mother Teresa's Calcutta home to remove his daughter—with a shotgun.

The threat was real. A devout Hindu, he was military policeman and knew how to use a gun. He threatened to shoot his daughter if she did not return home. Despite looking down the wrong end of a twelve-bore, she refused. Mother Teresa insisted that the girl should be allowed "to do God's wili". The father bristled, looked at Mother Teresa standing firm, and, wisely, retreated.

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Blair's block on

and sacraments.

of the Church.

Yours sincerely.

September 15.

toral work.

Yours pastorally.

JOHN DRAPER,

The Rectory, Rowner Lane,

Rowner, Gosport, Hampshire. September 15.

From Mr C. W. Koenigsberger

Ask a silly question . . .

Sir, I believe the "silly question" at a

WILLIAM E. BRIDGE.

We have been betrayed by so much

of the so-called liberal attitudes lead-

ing to division rather than unity:

bishops commenting on others' mo-rality rather than teaching the Com-

mandments and ensuring that only

those who upheld and subscribed to

them had a place within the ministry

175 Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent.

From the Reverend John Draper

Sir, I am not sure if I like "open gov-ernment". Does Ruth Gledhill realise that her report on the appointment of

bishops has divided the Anglican cler-

I. Those wondering who the arch-deacon and the friend of Dr Carey

2. Those thinking that they might

Those moping around because

they have been passed over yet again;

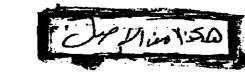
4. Those who are doing some pas-

I confess to falling within 50 per cent of these categories.

receive a telephone call after all;

gy into four camps this morning?

rejected by Tony Blair are:





BLAIR AND THE BISHOPS

The Prime Minister should not genuflect to shallow traditions

A power is not wrongly exercised for being rarely exercised. The Prime Minister is well within his rights to reject the Church of England's two candidates for the vacant bishopric of Liverpool. The suggestion by Anglican churchmen that Tony Blair's intervention sets a "dangerous precedent" betrays a curious understanding of the Church's history and the related call for disestablishment suggests a simplistic approach to the Church's future.

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The tradition which Mr Blair stands accused of breaching by his refusal to accept the Church's nominations is just 20 years old. The authority the Prime Minister exercises is of an altogether more durable kind. It is only since 1977 that vacant bishoprics have been filled by names put up by the Crown Appointments Commission. The commission, which consists of both archbishops, three lay and three ordained members of the Synod, and four representatives from the vacant diocese, usually recommends two names to the Prime Minister. He or she, in turn, places one name before the Sovereign for her approval. The Prime Minister has, however, always had the right to reject, or choose, whom he or she wishes and the right is no less legitimate for having languished. The State has not always acquiesced in the Church's allocation of croziers and mitres.

Although the Anglican Church is spirtually that of St Augustine it is also formally the creation of a King. The Church of England has been an Erastian body since the reign of Henry VIII and the State has consequently enjoyed ascendancy over the English Church in ecclesiatical matters since the Reformation. Even before the formal rupture with Rome, English Kings exercised the right to nominate bishops in what was. even then, accepted as the distinctive ecclesia anglica. The 1533 Appointment of Bishops Act gave the Crown full power to choose who

should enjoy the episcopal palace and was in force until the creation of the Crown Appointments Commission in 1977.

Many will have honourable objections to the intrusion of temporal authority into matters spiritual. But it is hard to see how the Church was ill-served when an apparently more interventionist system elevated Lang. Ramsey and Temple to Augustine's see while the post-1977 regime brought Archbishops Runcie and Carey to Canterbury. Politicians have often proved a better guardian of Anglican tradition than priests. As recently as 1981, Parliament intervened to strengthen the entrenchment of the Book of Common Prayer in the worship and doctrine of the Anglican Church.

To object on principle to such interventions is to follow the path that led Newman to Rome, the Church of Scotland to Disruption and would lead the Church of England to disestablishment, Some Anglicans argue for that course and cast covetous eyes at Roman Catholic congregations. But too often they confuse the via media with the message. Rome's success lies in the certainty of its preaching - and disestablishment will not solve that by itself.

Disestablishment would be a far-reaching course for the nation. The Chief Rabbi has argued forcefully for establishment as a means of maintaining Britain's moral architecture. It is establishment which prevents Anglicanism from declining into a sect and allows the nation to find an accessible spiritual focus, as it did with the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. By insisting that the Church of England find a suitably charismatic successor for David Sheppard as Bishop of Liverpool Mr Blair is playing the same role for the Church as he has for the Crown. He is proving a candid friend to both institutions, prepared to overlook shallow traditions in order to strengthen the essential elements.

### **NOTES AT ISSUE**

A single currency but several scenarios

Economics and politics have never been easy bedfellows. Their relationship is likely to become ever more tense as the date for the introduction of the single currency beckons. The prospective euro has long enjoyed a turbulent relationship with the financial markets. European Union finance ministers have embarked upon what they hope will prove a risk-minimisation strategy. They had initially planned to announce which nations would enter the first phase of EMU in the spring of next year but not declare the relevant exchange rates until the end of 1998. This has been reconsidered. Both the initial membership and their conversion rates will now be announced next May in tandem.

The reasoning behind all this is transparent. The slow but accelerating upturn in the state of the continental economies makes a "respectable" fudge of the Maastricht convergence criteria much more credible. If the original timetable had held, an orgy of uncertainly would have followed. The markets would have witnessed much speculation and exercised enormous influence over the final rates at which national currencies embraced the euro. Governments would have been tempted tacitly to devalue their currencies in order to acquire a permanent advantage under a fixed exchange rate.

The European Union now stands divided into three spheres. There are the northern nations whose economies are strong but who have substantial doubts about the euro. These include Britain, Denmark, Finland and Sweden. In all these cases, the political commitment to the cause is uncertain and approval in a referendum is essential. In contrast, there stands another set of southern countries. On a strict, or even slightly tough, interpretation of the Maastricht treaty, none of Greece, Italy, Portugal or Spain should be present at the creation of the single currency. If so, this will not be due to their lack of enthusiasm for it.

Finally, there is the central belt of states -Austria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, and The Netherlands - who (allowing for some manipulation of the figures for France) are able and willing to be founder-members of the enterprise. In almost any scenario, bar the total collapse of the concept, these countries will become the inner core of the currency. That leaves two difficult cases: Ireland, which is exceptionally keen but does most of its business with the northern tier nations who will stay out, and Belgium, which is desperate to be there from the outset but whose public debt exceeds the Maastricht requirements by some margin.

On a strictly rational basis the single currency would start life with five to seven members. At this point politics enters the picture. The southern strata will fight to avoid exclusion. Unless all the central nations can show that they have met the Maastricht requirements without manipulation (which may prove impossible), then they will find it difficult to keep out their neighbours. The final decision will be taken next May by qualified majority voting rather than relative economic merit. Germany may be forced to choose between a euro of up to 11 members or no single currency at all.

The EU finance ministers have reinforced the euro's schedule, indeed the calender may be securely set, but its fundamental character remains uncertain. The eventual impact of the single currency will depend rather more on its final nature than the launch date. The moment at which Britain must declare its hand has, in practical terms, been brought forward as a consequence. Continued prevarication on the basis that the project itself is insecure will no longer do. Tony Blair has shown some skill in defusing the European issue in British politics. Until now he has been spared the political agony that bedeviled his predecessor. The timebomb will soon resume ticking.

### **CHINESE CHIANTI**

Half the world now sends for the Italian wine list

sun-dried tomatoes: the ingredients of the fastest-growing food fad in Britain are everywhere on display. Italian restaurants have been around for years, but the country's cuisine now enjoys a new cachet. Not only can the summer denizens of Tuscany bask in the glow of political fashion; on their return to Albion they can hold dinner parties all winter long to celebrate the food that nutritionists now proclaim the nearest to a perfectly balanced diet. And what could be more agreeable to accompany Italian cuisine than a fine bottle of Italian wine? No wonder sales have risen

by as much as 10 per cent a year. A beaker full of the warm south will not come cheaply next year, however: not only has Italy just announced the best harvest for half a century, but a remarkable adherence to European Union directives has led farmers to grub up hectare upon hectare of vineyards that used to pour their contents into Italy's unfathomable wine lake. Demand is sharply up. supply is down and quality has risen. The result is a hefty price rise. For those with a nose for Orvietto Classico or Nobile di Montepulciano, the joy at learning that every region of Italy is reporting the best vintage since 1947 must be tempered with dismay that what was cheap

A little pasta, some olives, prosciutto and and plentiful will be snapped up by wine merchants with a nose for the market.

No one, however, could have cornered a market in a more spectacular way than the Chinese. Warmed by a fortuitous tasting of wine exhibited at a fair by the Brindisi farmers' co-operative, a Chinese province has bought up the region's entire supply for the next eight years. A few of the betterknown wines appear to have escaped the shipment, but from now until 2005 Brindisi's vino da tavola will gush eastwards at the rate of 600 tankers a month. A supply of two million hectolitres may do wonders for Italian cuisine in Shandong, the province with the insatiable thirst for the wine from the heel of Italy.

China, which could drink the entire continent of Europe dry were it to acquire a taste for this elixir, may be the salvation for those countries now feeling the sharp wind of competition from the southern hemisphere. Italy has been quicker than some of its neighbours to realise that an ancient belief in the beauties of rustic production is no substitute nowadays for the exacting chemistry of fermentation. Italian winemakers have bowed to the dictates of technology and are determined to provide wines that are as fresh, drinkable and sought-after as legend insists.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### After the Scottish vote, an examination of the fine detail

From Father P. Dixon

Sir, William Hague can't have it both ways. Having urged Scottish voters to reject devolution because it gave too many powers to a Scottish Parliament, he now urges Welsh voters to reject devolution because it is "a pale shadow of what has been offered in Scotland\* (report, September 13).

There has never really been any cogent argument against devolution presented in either country, a fact which the paucity of Mr Hague's rhet-oric eloquently betrays. A "yes" vote on Thursday will further strengthen the process of reform which our political life desperately needs, and bring the government of Wales closer to the people it is meant to serve.

Yours etc PHILIP DIXON. Magdalene College, Cambridge. September 14

From Mr Jacques Arnold

Sir, The price that the English have willingly paid all these years for the valued participation of the Scots in the United Kingdom has been over-representation of Scotland by 24 per cent in Parliament, and overpayment of Scottish government spending by a similar 24 per cent at the expense of English taxpayers. Now that the Scots have decided additionally to have their own parliament, these excesses must be reduced to at least par.

The Government's proposal to wait for parliamentary representation to be adjusted until the next regular boundary commission in about the year 2010, coming into effect in a general election in about the year 2014, is disingenuous and self-seeking, given the overwhelming proportion of Labour MPs among Scotland's

current representation.

The Scottish Boundary Commission must, as your leading article today suggests, be set to work now to report in time for the next general election, which itself is likely to be after the election of a Scottish parliament. Protestations by the Government of due process are hollow: the boundary commissions are currently carrying out public inquiries into the Euro-constituency boundaries, despite Labour's announced intention of scrapping their conclusions in favour of an undefined proportional-representation system to be implemented in less than two years. in June 1999.

Similarly, the Scottish block grant must be reduced to par. In the short term, English MPs must ensure that the grant is not increased to accommodate the considerable cost of the Scot-

Sir, You report (September 11) Mr

Robin Cook repeating the Labour Par-ty's commitment that "... people who take part in passing the laws of our

country [should] earn their seat by the

process of democracy and not by the

You go on to say that Labour's plan

for a reformed House of Lords is to

abolish the speaking and voting rights

of the hereditary peers, "leaving a

Democracy requires two things: an end to the hereditary vote and the elec-

tion of peers. Robin Cook speaks of

Sir, Marlene Dietrich did indeed re-

cord Lili Marlene, but it was not she

who "turned a German war song into

the unofficial whistling tune of the

British forces in North Africa" (report,

Desert in 1942, we heard the song

played on propaganda broadcasts

from the German occupation forces in

Yugoslavia, aimed at the Eighth

Army, It was sung on the original re-cording by Lale Andersen, a German nightclub singer.

Dietrich's version, in English, was

not recorded until 1943.

In faith we trust

From Mr Barry Holroyd

74 Chart Lane, Reigate, Surrey.

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Sir, The study of attitudes and life-

styles by the University of Leeds (re-

port, September 5) illustrates very well

the observation that when people stop

believing in God, they don't then be-lieve in nothing; the truth is much, much worse — they then start believ-

ing in anything. Of the 8,000 adults surveyed, 67 per

cent believe that there is some truth in

astrology, 55 per cent believe in second

sight, 50 per cent in telepathy, 15 per

cent that abduction by aliens is possi-

ble and 10.8 per cent have a strong be-

Roundhay, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

lief in horoscopes.

Daft I call it.

Yours faithfully,

September 8.

BARRY HOLROYD,

22 West Park Avenue,

DAVID McLEAN,

When I was serving with the 51st Highland Division in the Western

chamber of appointed life peers".

Hereditary peers

From Lord Kennet

right of birth".

Yours sincerely

September 11.

August 30).

Desert 'Lili'

WAYLAND KENNET

(Labour hereditary peer)

100 Bayswater Road, W2.

From Mr David McLean

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tish parliament. That cost must inev-itably be at the expense of either Sosttish spending on, say, health and education, or, through taxation, of the

Scott themselves:
In the long term, it will be for the Scottish partiament to cope with the reduction of English largesse, through reduced services, efficiency savings and/or local increases in text. Any attempt by the UK's Scottish Chancelor of the Exchequer to increase the block grant, or by the Scot-tish parliament to reduce Scottish taxation, would inevitably be at the ex-

pense of English taxpayers. There is no surer way to inflame English nationalism - not a characteristic of a generous people whose taxation is currently subsidising Scots, Welshmen, Ulstermen and a wide variety of Europeans.

Yours faithfully, JACQUES ARNOLD (Chairman, Conservative Backbench Committee on Constitutional Affairs, 1996-97), 243 London Road West Malling, Kent. September 13.

From Mr J. E. Gray

Sir. Why all the euphoria and hype over the vote in Scotland? Of those entitled to vote, 44.6 per cent were in favour of a Scottish parliament and 38.2 per cent in favour of tax-varying powers. Not even half prefer the change and little more than a third want to be taxed additionally.

It would be better if far-reaching changes like this required a two-thirds majority of all those entitled to vote. That would give the politicians some real work to do.

Yours etc. J. E. GRAY, 29 Gallagher Road, Bedworth, Warwickshire. September 15.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, You are quite right to highlight in your leader today the importance of Parliament's role in producing the framework for the Scottish parliament. Many of the proposed constitutional innovations will require careful For example, the new Scottish par-

liament will be elected for a fixed term of four years (White Paper, para 9.2). The parliament may be dissolved before the expiry of such a term if two thirds of its members so agree, or if they are unable to appoint a first minister (para 9.4). However, there is no proposal in the White Paper to

Scottish people on Thursday should not be used as an excuse for abusing the parliamentary process. The Government must observe the conven-tions governing constitutional Bills. But at the same time the Opposition must now recognise that it has no mandate to frustrate the passage of the Bill.

RICHARD A. EDWARDS. September 13.

Sir. Now that Scotland is going to have its own parliament, the Govern-ment should give an unequivocal asof that institution (or of the taxes it raises) will be payable, directly or indirectly, by any resident of England, Wales or Northern Ireland. Otherwise it will be taxation without representation.

Yours truly, SIMON H. COOKE,

From Mr D. R. Houghton

Yours faithfully, D. R. HOUGHTON, 23 Millersdale Avenue, Evington, Leicester.

Sir. Am I to understand that people Yours faithfully,

N. M. ATHERTON, 19 Taptonville Road,

Sir, Help! I am being devolved by

Yours faithfully, GEORGE HEATH, . 17 Thackeray Avenue, Clevedon, North Somerset.

September 14.

capital funding. For both types of school, the White Paper threatens the settlement in principle established by 15 Straffan Lodge, 1 Beisize Grove, NW3. the 1944 Education Act and will undermine the security Catholic September 10. schools have had for half a century. Catholic schools produce aboveaverage academic results, and socially

From Mr Edward Berry

Sir. At an interview in 1986 with a St

rector. We've got far too many golfers in the firm at the moment and we need someone to man the office whilst we're

Yours faithfully, EDWARD BERRY, Little Boy Court. Boy Court Lane, Headcorn, Kent.

Sir, The opening question in an examination paper sat by my brother-inlaw in the early 1960s read: "Set the

Sir, I was pleased that the "racehorse". Andrew Baskerville, got the job (letter, September 10) and wonder

time and longed to be able to sit next to the "dormouse" opposite, or even the "teddybear", a cuddly paediatrician a few chairs away.

Lymm Hall, Lymm, Cheshire. September 11.

From Mr David Dean

Sir, At a job interview in 1976 I was asked if I had a sense of humour. I re-

Yours faithfully, DAVID DEAN. 18 Westbrook Road September 10.

### Catholic schools From the Headmaster of Ampleforth College

Sir, As the headmaster of a Catholic independent school, a school not liable to be directly affected by certain measures proposed in the Govern-ment White Paper. Excellence in Schools (reports, July 8; letters, July 14, 18), I may qualify as sufficiently disinterested to comment on the bad faith which two of the proposals show to state-supported Catholic schools.

Catholics pay the same taxes as everyone else; yet they also provide for 15 per cent of capital expenditure of their schools - a large sum by any measure. In return, by virtue of a legal provision, the foundation governors of such voluntary-aided schools have had a secure majority on the governing bodies.

This arrangement is threatened. The issue at stake now is the religious character of the Catholic voluntaryaided and grant-maintained schools. This is no small matter: the Catholic maintained sector now includes 2,000 primary schools, 450 secondary

schools and 17 sixth-form colleges. The new aided schools will only have a bare majority of foundation governors; their right to set admissions criteria, central to the

### The heart of Elgar From Mr Harvey Boulay

Sir, Richard Morrison's otherwise fine tribute to the late Sir Georg Solti

"Emperor who led a baton charge". Arts, September 8) contained one phrase to which I must take exception. This is his statement that Solti was probably the first foreign-born conductor to grasp the wistfulness and nobility at the heart of Elgar". Surely this honor belongs to Hans

Richter, who championed Elgar's music (to the composer's great satisfaction) from the premiere of the Enigma Variations to the debut performance of the First Symphony, which Elgar wholeheartedly dedicat-ed to Richter. It is almost certain that only Richter's ill-health, leading to his retirement, prevented him from premiering the Second Symphony, which Elgar conducted himself (to mixed reviews).

Yours faithfully, HARVEY BOULAY. Boston, MA 02131. boulav@rogersor.org September 10.

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### Lost in space

LEO CHAMBERLAIN.

Ampleforth College

From Mr Robert Coates Sir. I am indebted to you for reporting the erudite and articulate comments

of Dr Peter Thomas, of Cornell University, who, on seeing the pictures from the Hubble space telescope of the huge crater on the asteroid "Vesta" opined that "it was like, "Wow!" (report, September 5). How would we ordinary people

manage to keep up with the advances of technology without these detailed and intricate explanations? Yours etc.

ROBERT COATES, Old Wallbridge, Dowlish Wake, Ilminster, Somerset. September 5.

### Words and deeds From Professor G. Henton Davies

Sir, During my temporary absence from home, one of my grandsons, aged three, removed my two volumes of Mandelkern's Hebrew Thesaurus to place in front of a toilet. Standing on them he was then able to relieve himself directly into the pan.

I was grateful it was not a Hebrew Yours faithfully, G. HENTON DAVIES,

50 Whitlow. Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire. September 12.

### choice of bishop allow an early dissolution of the parliament if it passes a motion of no confidence in the Scottish govern-From Mr William E. Bridge Sir. Your report today on the Prime ment. Will the doctrine of responsible Minister's intervention in the appointgovernment not apply in Scotland? The positive endorsement of the ment of a new Bishop of Liverpool was apt and timely. Many of all shades of political opinion will be glad

that he appears to be taking seriously his responsibilities in the appoint ment of bishops within the Church of England.
The Church badly needs bishops who have the vocation, drive and leadership to proclaim the Church's timeless teachings entrusted to it, particularly in the fields of morality, ministry

60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire.

From Mr Simon H. Cooke

surance that not one penny of the cost

Deers, Clavering, Essex. September 12.

Sir, Might it be that the Scottish vote will result in the recall to that country of all the lone pipers who, uninvited and intrusively, so often inflict their droning tones on assemblies of people in this country?

From Professor N. M. Atherton

who live in Scotland are to enjoy disproportional over-representation?

Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr George Heath

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Their character, their cohesion,

their community, may suffer to a point where the benefits are not

shared more widely, but lost. The

Catholic community has always sought to co-operate with the Govern-

ment of the day, but these measures

they choose to already.

are destructive.

Headmaster.

York YO6 4ER.

September 14.

### iob interview (letters, September 1 and 10) - ie, a question designed to test immediate response to verbal surprise was first asked many years ago by the controversial psychologist, Profes-

sor Cyril Burt.
As the candidate was opening the door, in order to leave the room where he had been interviewed at a big horseshoe-shaped table. Burt asked: character of the schools, is thus in "What do you think of the shape of this table?" Without hesitation the question. The former grant-maintained schools will have only a small candidate replied: "I hope it brings me minority of foundation governors,

and there is no commitment to full He got the job. Yours faithfully. C. W. KOENIGSBERGER.

well-adjusted and well-behaved children. They are respected and sought after by parents. They are unlikely to

James's wine merchant, I was asked whether I played golf. Debating whether to answer yes, on the assumption that it might be a prerequisite to the job, or no, on the grounds that I had never so much as held a golf club, I decided on the latter. "Oh good," said the managing di-

playing."

From Mr Christopher Murray

perfect exam paper."
He wrote: "Set the perfect exam paper," put down his pen and left the examination hall.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Kingsley Napley (solicitors), Knights Quarter. 14 St John's Lane, ECI. September 10.

From Mrs Mary V. Cottrill

whether the "stallion" I was partnered with at a French tuition weekend in Paris some years ago would have been so lucky.

I felt decidedly uncomfortable at the

Yours faithfully. MARY V. COTTRILL

plied: "Well I'm here, aren't I?" I did not get the job.

Swinton, Manchester.

RUSSELL BOYCE



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 15: The Duke of York this evening attended the "Music for Montserrat" Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7. BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 15: The Prince Edward

this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Malaysia. Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 15: The Princess Royal, President RedR - Engineers for Disaster Relief, this morning attended the Annual Conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Visitor, this afternoon visited Strathcarron Hospice, Randolph Hill, Denny, Stirlingshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden). KENSINGTON PALACE

September 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, Royal School of Needlework, this afternoon visited the exhibition "125 Years of Excellence" at Hampton Court Palace to mark the One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Royal School. Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows, Hurst

### Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President, Patrons, Crime Concern, will present the British Crime Preven-tion Awards, at Balta, 195 Piccadilly, at 11.00; will open a charity street carnival organised by the Belgrave Traders Association in aid of the Riding for the Disabled Association. Elizabeth Street. London, SWI, at 5.30; and will attend the Starehe Endowment Fund (UK) "Aim High Appeal" dinner at Thomas Goode, South Audley Street, London WI, at 8.00.

### Mr Robert Kiln

A memorial service for Mr Robert Kiln will be held on Friday, September 26, at 11.45am in St Botoloh-without-Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2.

### Dinner

Parking Adjudicators
The Solicitor General, the Chair man of the Council on Tribunals and the Chair of the Parking Committee for London, were the guests of honour at the Parking Adjudicators annual dinner, held last night at the Groucho Club. Miss Caroline Sheppard, Chief Adjudicator, was in the chair.

### today

Mr B.B. King, guitarist and singer, 72: Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore, 74: Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 88; Mrs Judith Miller, publisher, 46: Sir John Page, former MP, 78: Baroness Pike, 79: Dame Sheila Quinn. former nursing adviser. British Red Cross Society, 77; Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave, 72; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 81: Mrs Steve Shirley, founder, Fl Group, 64: Professor Lord Walton

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry V. reigned 1413-22, Monmouth, 1387: Francis Parkman, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1823; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23, Kingston, Kent County, New Brunswick, 1858; Alfred Noyes, oet, Wolverhampton, 1880; Nadia Boulanger, conductor and music teacher, Paris, 1887: Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, Pusztaturpaszto, Hungary, 1893.

DEATHS: Tomas de Torquethe Inquisition, Avila, Spain, 1498; John Colet, theologian, Sheen, Surrey, 1519; Gabriel Fahrenheit physicist. The Hague, 1736; Louis XVIII, King of France in name 1795-1824, Paris, 1824: Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of the Oxford Movement, Ascot Priory,

1882; Edward Whymper, mountaineer and wood engraver, Chamonix, 1911; Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton, physician, London. 1916; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriolo gist Nobel laureate 1902 London 1932: Silas K. Hocking, novelis and preacher, Highgate, 1935; John McCormack, tenor, Dublin, 1945; Sir James Jeans, astronomer and mathematician, Dorking, Burrey, 1946; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland prano, Paris, 1977; Marc Bolan, rock musician, Barnes Common, London, 1977; Jean Piaget, child psychologist, Geneva, 1980.

The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, 1620. The Post Office Savings Bank established, 1861.

# Road, East Molesey, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Sir Richard Birthdays

Miss Lauren Bacall, actress, 73 Mr Keith Bosley, poet and trans-lator, 60; Lord Brassey of Apethorpe, 65; Mr Tommy Carberry, racehorse trainer, 56; Professor Kenneth Coares, MEP, 67: Lord Grimthorpe, 82: Mr Loyd Grossman, broadcaster, 47: Mr Charles Haughey, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ire-land, 72: Lord Henderson of Brompton, 75: Dame Deirdre Hine, civil servant, 60; Mr Ian Horsbrugh, Principal. Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 56; Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player, 46; the Very Rev W.B. Johnston. former Chaplain to the Queen in

of Detchant, 75.

### Chartered Architects

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Institute

of Export

The following have been elected officers of the Institute of Export:

Mr James Davis, president; Sir

Paul Newall and Baroness

Chalker of Wallasey, vice-pres

dents; Ms Rita Hogg, national-chairman; Mr Peter Goold, vice-

chairman; Mr James Conlan,

honorary treasurer: Mr Alexander

Macfarlane, chair, education com-

mittee; Mr Geoffrey Lloyd. chair.

The following have been elected as

Mr Melvyn Clarke, Mr Robert

Forsyth, Mr Richard Gamble. Ms

Joanna Lavan and Mr Adriaan

trustees of the institute:

membership services committee.

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Chartered Architects for the ensuing

Master, Mr Julian Ryder Richardson; Upper Warden, Mr John Penton; Renter Warden, Professor Peter Dale; Junior Warden, Lady Stewart

### Sailors' Day Collection

King George's Fund-for Sailors is rateful for the help and generous support of London Sailors' day on June 3 that resulted in a collection of £13,590; £4,960 was raised in the City of London and £8,629 in the metropolitan area. The gross sum will be distributed to those nautical charities on whose behalf the flag day is organised by the fund.

### **Royal Aeronautical Society** Reginald Peter Galyer. Dr Raymond Curtis Graeber. David

Christopher Ernest Harrison.

Professor Frank Hartley. David

George Haward, Professor Keith

Hayward, Captain Edgar Colin Heathcose. Stephen Leonard

Hiscox, William George Holland.

Captain Michael Arthur Holtom. John Estyn Hope, S Michael

Hudson, Dr Kevin Andrew Hurst Captain Michael Denis Jeffery, Air

Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns.

Alan Francis Jones, Air Com-

Geoffrey Doran Kinley, Dr Assad Koraite, Bernard J Kuchta

Barry Charles Latter, Brian Fred-

erick Lavers. Dr Philip Kneale

modore James Stanley Jones

John Gurney

The Precious Dragon, a traditional Chinese sailing junk, sailing past the Tower of London yesterday after a six-month voyage from Hong Kong. The junk, the last to be built under British rule, is one of only three left in Hong Kong

Fellows of the Society and may use the designatory letters FRAeS: Ruwantissa Indranath Ramva Abeyratne, Ahmad Al-Mulla, Ismail Ali Albanna, Patrick Ralph Ashill, Dr David Alan Ashworth.

Air Commodore Peter Clarence

Air Marshal Anthony Bagnall, David Nicholas Ball, Dr Jnan Ranjan Banerjee, Captain Ken-neth Roland Barley, Colin Angus Barnes, Melvin Craig Beard, Jean-Paul Bechat, Cornelis Zeger Anto-nius Beek. Dr Manfred Bischoff, Richard Hamilton Blockley, Trevor Edward Boud, Denis Frederick Stanley Boxall. Dr Georges Bridel, Professor Raymond Alfred Arthur Bryant, Dr Donald Harry Bunker, Dr Jon Benjamin Moffat

James Timothy Cansdale, Group Captain Brian Carruthers, Robert Michael Catterson, Christopher Hamar Chambers, Group Captain John Edgar Chandler. Philip N L Chen, Sir John Cheshire, Timothy C Clark. Dr Graham Trevor Coleman, Alec Graham Collins, Philip Howard Collins, David Cousins, Dr Graham John Cresswell, Derek George Cridland, Air Commodore Stephen Anthony Cullen

Professor William Nicholas Dawes, Air Vice-Marshal John Ronney Day, Martin Vaughan Dix, Eur Ing Dr John Charles Dixon, Professor Ann Patricia Dowling Barry Watkin Edwards. Brian Frederick Farman, Terence Lindsay Farquharson, Captain Charles Joseph Ferrari. Leslie

Bruce Fisher, Colonel Simon Nev-

ille Levick Fogden, Robert Foster, William Richard Christopher

Foyle, Robert T Francis, John Edward Fricker

Lawrence, John Malcolm Legg, Stuart John Lewis, Air Commodore Peter Liddell, Captain Francis Lim Joo Leong. John Alfred Loder, Christopher Branthwaite Lyle Air Commodore Hector Gavin Mackay, John Robert Malone. Keith Douglas Rowland Mans, Dr Montague Frank Poynton Mar-Henry McDonald, Graham Finlay

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Robert Harvey Quick Dr George Edward Anthony Reid. Dr Macgregor Stewart Reid. Air Marshal Graeme Alan Robertson, Geoffrey Eric Roe Adrian Gerard Sayce, Captain Leslie Gordon Scott, Professor Dr Otto Sensburg, Mrs Sarah Caro-

Anthony John Pyne

line Sharman, Captain Colin Sharples, Dr Samuel Don Smith. John Edward Snow, Anthony Bede Starforth, Moritz Suter, Dr Victor

Metrion Szewczyk William Ronald Tannock, Alan Grant Threadgold, Professor Geoffrey David Muir Turnbull Gerard Francis Verrill, Peter John Clive Viccars

Christopher Wain, Michael John Waison, Robert John Waison. Group Captain Dilwyn Nigel Williams, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Tsun Tat Wong, Professor Lincoln Adrian Wood, Professor Norman Jeffrey Wood, Captain Colin Nicholas Wright.

The following have been elected as Companions of the Society and may use the designatory letters

Professor Dugald Cameron, Sir Malcolm Field, Paul Heiden, Dr Adrian Reynard, John Richard Rivers, John Arbuthnot Du Cane Wilkinson.

### Church news

Appointments

The Rev Andrew Shanks, Re search Fellow in Theology, Leeds University (Ripon): to be part-time Priest-in-Charge, Upper Ryedale. and part-time Clergy Training Officer in the Cleveland Archdeaconry (York). The Rev Peter Wells. Director. St

Marylebone Healing and Counsel ling Centre (London): to be halftime Vicar, North Lambeth Team (Southwark). The Rev Jim Whitlock, Vicar

Penzance St Mary the Virgin and St Paul (Truro): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Penzance, St John the Baptist (same diocese).

Mr S.M. Boasey and Miss R.A. Aylmcı The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bonsey, of Cound, Shropshire, and Rose, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Anthony Aylmer, of Nurwell, Isle of Wight.

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Mr B.M.H. Branston and Miss N.V. Kenyon-Slanev The engagement is announced between Barnabas, younger son of Mr Martin Branston, of Battersea, London, and Mrs Judy Branston, of Eastleach, Gloucestershire, and Natasha, only daughter of the late Mr Robin Kenyon-Slaney and of Mrs Peter Afia, of Hatton Grange, Shifnal Shropshire. Mr M.A.F. Elliott

and Miss A.E. Magec The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Elliott, of Crawfordsburn, Co Down, and Anna, daughter of Mrs Anne Magee, of Holywood, Co Down and the late Mr Arthur Magee. Mr W.R.C. Peckett, FRCS. and Miss E.M. Baron

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Dr and Mrs Brian Peckett, of Paget. Bermuda, and Lizzle, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Baron, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire. Mr P.T.C. Wake and Miss A.C. Bastow

The engagement is artnounced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wake, of Chapelen-le-Frith, Derbyshire, and Amv. daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Bastow. Cirencester,

### **Marriages**

Appointments

M J Broadhurst - SA Islamabad

14/12/97; J Reeve - Drake NBC in

rank of Cdre 10/2/98; P C

Sanderson - RN Gibraltar 27/2/98;

P A Reynolds - SA Caracas

PWS Cox - Staff of FOSM

25/11/97: T M Dannatt - MOD

London 12/12/97; J N Ferguson -CSST 20/1/98; J A Green - MOD

Bath in rank of A/Capt 6/10/97; C

P R Montgomery - Staff of 2SL/CNH FOTR in rank of

A/Capt 9/12/97; D L W Sim - SA

Pretoria 9/12/97; R C Twitchen

FOSF Sea Premith 18/11/97.

CAPT Fo (SEA) 13/1/98.

MAJOR-GENERAL

Operations, 10/98.

intestinal Surgery.

CHAPLAIN:

Retirements

The Army

Bristol

SURGEON COMMANDER:

CAPTAIN: B P Toft - 25/11/97.

D V Lunn - Illustrious 14/11/97.

R Coates - Dryad 8/1/98; R L Pyne

A R D Pringle (LATE RGJ) - Chief

of Staff to the Chief of Joint

Mr D. Alderson, MB, BS, MD.

FRCS. Consultant Surgeon, De-

partment of Surgery, Bristol Royal

infirmary, to the Chair of Gastro-

Professor G. McLennan. MA.

PhD, Professor of Sociology at

Massey University, New Zealand, to a Chair of Sociology.

University news

P L Wilcocks - Liverpool 5/1/98.

LOCAL COLONEL

COMMANDER:

in the Forces

Royal Navy and

Roval Marines

CAPTAIN:

12/12/97.

Mr P.M.H. Andreae and Mrs A.N. Baird The marriage took place on Wednesday, September 3, at Little Brompton Oratory, between Mr Peter Andreae and Mrs Rosemary

Mr P-M. Dumont Baber and Miss R.M. Elliott The marriage took place quietly in Paris on Friday, September 12, of Mr Paul-Marie Dumont Baber. adopted son of the late Mr Bertie Baber, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, to Miss Rachel Elliott, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Elliott, of Marple, Cheshire. Mr N.B.S. Fresson

and Miss E.J. Seymour
A service of blessing was held on Saturday, September 6, at the Church of St Leonard, Keevil, after the marriage of Mr Nicholas Fresson to Miss Elizabeth A reception was held at Rowleys.

the home of the bride's parents.

### Latest wills

Sir Laurens Jan Van Der Post, writer, farmer, soldier, explorer, conservationist, of London SW3, left estate valued at £277,370

Ernest Biddle, of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, left estate valued at £1.307,639 net.

He left £1.000 plus an additional £500 for every complete year's service in excess of two years with a maximum of £5.000 for any one employees amployed at his firm Cynthia Morel, of Dinas Powis, Vale of Glamorgan, left estate valued at £1,086,209 net. William Muirden, of Hampstead

London NW3, left estate valued at £1.015.740 net. He left £1,000 to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

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The time is coming, says the Lord God, when I shall send famine on the land, not hun-ger for bread or thirst for water but for hearing the word of the Lord Amos 8:

BIRTHS

ADNAH - On September 9th at The Portland Rospital, to Tengku Suriani and Adnan Otheran, a son, Wan lekandar AQUILINA - To Figure and Joe, on September 9th 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster

Bospital, a beautiful laughter, Isabella Alica. a protest for matthew.

BERRY - On September 12th
1997, to Ashley (née
Robhins) and Charles, a son,
Michael James Fraderick.

MIDDYE - On September 13th
1997, at home, to Vanessa
(née Pope) and Sobert, a
danghter, Mitanda Rose, a
valetar for Olives Ion and

BURTWELL - On September 12th, to Louisa (née Williams) and Simon, a son, Tobias Simon Russell. Tooms Simon Ressell.
CHAPMAN - To Alex and
Amanda (née Arbjörk), a
beautiful girl on 5th
September 1977 at 150 pm,
5lbs 15oz - Hamah Linnea,
"God has favoured me".

CLARK - On September 10th, to Nicky and Duncan, a son, William Ario. CLAYDON - On September 5th at The Portisori Hospital, to Rachel and Jon, a daughter, Kerla May, a sister for Hope -

Tippee!

ROWLEY - On September
11th at The Fortland
Hospital, to Serena (née
White) and Paul, a son,
Callana a burther

for McKenna.

DOION SMITH - On September

11th at The Portland

Bospital, to Sophie (née

Pattison) and Simon, a

daughter, Emilie Eate.

FELDER - On 6th September

1997 to Eve (née Haudiren)

and James, a daughter, Emily

Capital de Graves.

Applica de Graves. GARNETT - On September 14th, to Alice (nee Wilson Stephens) and William, a daughter, Florence Diana 'Flo', a sister for Lucia.

RAB - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Ako and Hirofumi, a daughter, Ayumi, a sister for Rivenoba.

RAYE - Cn. September 8th at The Portland Hospital, to lane (nose Woolf) and David, a daughter, Kimberley Valerie, a sister for Miles.

KRUTWELIER - Cn. July 7th at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Eve and Johan, a wenderful little girl, Heckin Andres Kristing. LAWES - On September 9th, to Rebecca (nee Youngman) and Will, a son, Harry John Charles, a brother for Toby-

AWFORD - On September 8th, to Cynthia (tobe Gay) and Philip, twin daughters, Emily Honor Cazenove and Philippa Eve Cazenove. MATTHEWS - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah and Ian, a son, Max Henry. MEAD - On Angust 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Sherrie and Stephen, a daughter, Madeline, a sister for Georgia and Sebastian.

MULCHANDANI - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Nanik and Renuka, a son, Nikhil MORBAN - On September 11th to Juliet (née Baxendale) and Nigel, a daughter, Sophie Patricia Clare, a sister for Antony and Mark. PATTERSON/GAPFNEY - Or

September 10th at The Fortland Hospital, to Dee and Tony, a daughter, Clara, a sister for Colin and Owen. a Seven for collin and over the lawwister - To Valentine and Kathula, a son, Kat Leander Johannes, born 7th September 1997, a brother to Avena and Jaire.

SAPLER - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Brenz and Tess (new Stimson), a son, Matthew, a lively brother for Henry. SDMGH - On September 11th at The Fortland Hospital, to Plyali and Brij, a precious daughter, Cona, a sister for Uday.

SMART - On Friday 5th September, to Robyn and Thomas, a son, ian Robert. VAN BUREN - On September 10th at The Portland Ecspital, to Virpi and David, a daughter, Olivin Madlin.

DEATHS

RECEPTION - Sarah Margaret (Peggy), at home, unexpectedly on the night of September 13th. Much loved mother and grandmother who will be sowely missed. Funesia at 230 pm on 19th September at Kingston, Devon, followed by cremation. Enquiries 01548 852302.

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CARTER - Eric Bairstow suddenly but peacefully in hospital in Exeter on Saturday September 13th. Eric aged 85, of Seaten, Devon. Dearly beloved husband of Olivia, dear father of foan, much loved by all his family. Funeral Service in the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday 19th September at 12 noon. Enquiries to F.J. Luxton & Son, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, 01404 \$12644.

CAWDROM - Robert Chattey on Sunday 14th September at Teoril District Hospital aged 75 years. Family flowers only. Funeral Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, 130 pm Friday 19th September.

CLAYDON - On 11th September 1997, Paul Andrew, suddenly, husband of Mary and father to Alice and Tessa. Vary sadly missed by all his family, especially his beloved daughters. Funetal Service at Worthing Counsatorium on Friday, 19th September 1997 at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to the Canine Defence League, Freeman Brothers, Punetal Directors, 9 North Parade, Horsham, W. Sussez, tel: 01403 254590. Afterwards at the Bedford Pah, Station Road, Horsham.

CORY - Harold Frederick Wensley died peacefully on 9th September 1997 in his 70th year. Much loved and devoted husband of Oigs, loving ferther of seven children and proud gamdlather of six Francai Service at 11.00am on Tuesday 23rd September at Salisbury Cathedral, followed by burdal at 230pm at 5t John the Baptist Church, Ebbesbourne Waber (Family and close friends galy). Flowers or domations for Alsheimer's Disease Society for Research - efo LK. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 181. Tek 01722 413136.

DAMS - Allen Arthur (Peter), on 15th September at Stomson Hill, Warwick, aged 94. Loving companion for many years to Many Wessell. Father of Gooffrey and Mary and stepfather of Jill and Jeanifez. Funeral on Saturday 20th September at 12 noon at 5t Mangaret's Church, St Mangaret's Road, Oxford. All family and friends and welcome to attend. Flowers and enquiries to W.J. Adams Funeral Director, Southam Street, Kineton, Warwick. CV36 Opt.

DENHAM - Marie Isobel Donham, of Clapham, London, on September 12th at the spe of 70, peacefully after a progressive lines. A sad loss for the family and for very many friends. Fuzeral at 11.15am on Tuesday September 23rd at Woodmancote Free Church, Stuckwell Line, Woodmancote, near Cheltenham. Further information (01242) 672567. Family flowers only, donations to the See Ryder Home, Lockhampton Court, Cheltenham, GL51 521.

EVA - Molly (née Goguel) died September 12th aged 50 years of Steepleton Manor, formerly of 01d Wyke, Weymouth and Oxenhope, Vorkshire, Nuch loved wife of Bill and sadly missed mother and grandmother. Funeral Service on Friday 19th September at 11.30gm at Winterhoume Steepleton Church. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Age Concern c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, DT1 1TW. Tel: 01305 262238.

FLRST - John A. of Dartmouth, studdenly on Thursday IIth September. Much loved by Heather and family. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to Missionaries of Charity or Toring Chunches Homeless Trust. All enquiries to E.C. Pillar & Sons. (01803) 832121.

MEATH - Peter died at home on 12th September, aged 70. He was a fina, good and wise hum, well lowed and admined by his wife, children and grandchildren, his sisters and all the fatelly. Highly thought of by friends and by colleagues, in Angeria. No Service, in accordance with Peter's wishes.

JHIRAD - Ruth Wells, in Intering General Hospital on 10th September 1997, aged 83 years. Much loved mother of David, Sarah, the lare Jean and the lete Record and grandmother of Dylan, Nicholas and Alexander. Enquiries to Jack Warwick, Fomeral Director. Tel: 01536 485635.

CHONEDY - Ivan died at home on 12th September. Farmer of Degmar, father of Haloise, grandfather of Heloise, Caedmon and Sophie. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Priday 19th September at 12.45 pm. Please po flowers, but domations to Sobell House Hospice Charity, Unit 1, Swinford Ferm, m. Eynsham, Chon. CXS 18X.

AMERSTER - (Née Fletcher)
Anne Catriona. Beloved and
adored wife of Simon,
mother of Charles and
Jonathan and granny to
Rucholas, Alice and Raussha.
Suddenly and peacefully at
home on Thursday 11th
September 1997. Service at
St Mary's Church, Willand,
Cullompton, Devon at
11.30am on Eriday 19th
September 1997 followed by
cremation at Taunton
Cramatorium. Family
flowers only, but donations
if desired to St Catherine's
Hospice, Crawley, Sussex.
There will also be a Service
of Thanksgiving for Anne's
life at St Peter's Church,
Newdigata, Sunsy at a date
to be Announced.

JURISER - Helen Mary Reattle LAMEESTER - (Née Fletcher) Anne Catriona. Beloved and

GARDRER - On September 11th 1997, Mary Barron (Brownie) of Bedford, aged 86 years, Very dearly loved, supportive mother of lill, beloved wife of the late Allen (Gardner) and devoted mother of the late David (Gardner). Funeral Takes place at Bedford Crematorium, Norse Road, on Friday 19th September at 12.15 pm. No Lovers place, but if deated donations for The British Heart Foundation may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service, Roff Avenue, Bedford Bréd 7TE, tel: (01234) 359529.

EATH - Peter died at home or

to be amounced.

LAMPER - Helen Mary Beattle
(Nell), very peacefully on
Thursday morning, 11th
September 1977, aged 94,
after many years of lovings
care from the staff of St
George's Hospinia and her
dear friend Betty Forrester.
Devoted sixter of the inte
Nancy, much loved and
loving annal, great-sunt and
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There will be a Service of
Celebration for her fife at All
Saints Church, Millford-onSea, on Saturday 20th
September at 11 am Family
flowers only please, but
demations if desired to St
George's Hospital clo Davies
Fonsral Services, Wallis
Housa, Milford-on-Sea,
Hants. SOAI OQD.

LEDDLE - John Lestell at home

House, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. SO41 OQD.

LEDGE - John Kestell at home early on 15th September in his sleep. Durling husband for 64 years of Phyllis, loving father of Phyllis, loving father of Alan, Tony and Vivien, grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 15 lovely children. Devoted employee of Seaft in South America and Portugal, happily retined in Healey for 34 years. Funeral arrangements of Tomalia & Son, Henley-on-Thamses.

LHEDMER - On 13th September, Elleen Thelme (note London), peacefully at home. Dearly loved wife of John and Philip. Funeral Service on Wednesday 17th September, Elleen Thelme (note 17th September at noon at St George's Chapel, Windsor Captle, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

MARHIERS - Mary Diana died peacefully at Park Hospital, Nottingham on 12th September 1997. The funeral will take place on Monday 22nd September at 1.30am. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research Campaign or MCCA clo W. Roberts & Sons. FD, Devon Ford, Devon Lane, Botterford, Nottingham NG13 OBZ rel: (01949) 842401. Train from Kings Cross, 9.10am arriving 10.14am at Grantham will be met.

MARMAN - Masve Moya, aged 87, suddenly but peacefully at Odstock Hospice, Salisbury on September 12th Mach leved by her few relations and many, many friends, especially Alleen. Begulem Mass at All Saints Wardour, near Tisbury, at 11.30 am on Monday September 22nd. Family flowers only: any donations flowers only; any donation to the Hospice, Salisbur General Hospital.

MARSHALL - On 10th September 1997 peacefully at St Thomas's Hospital, joam Mary, Beloved wife of Ken. All enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Convidence, Tels (01892) 655000.

ONEN - Courageously on September 11th, Michael George Wells, Major ex-indian Army, Dearly leved husband, Lather, grandfather and triand. Greatly respected by all. No flowers please. Enquiries for donations Tittor Funeral Services, 151 Old Enad, Clacton-on-Sea, tai: (01255) 22006d. Sea, tak (01255) 220066.

PARKER - On September 12th 1997 (peacefully) at Middlesex Hospital, London, Rosemary (née O'Connor), dently beloved wite of Major Maurice Parker and mother of Feter, Susan, John and William Hunt. Deeply repretted by Irlends and family. May she rest in peace. Removal from Levetons Chapel of Rest at 4.30 pm to St Aloysius Church, Phoesix Road, Lomion WGI on September 16th, Faneral Service at 1230 pm, September 17th, them to Highgate Cemetery.

PARKER - On 13th September.

particle of the late september 1997, Sarah Elizabeth Randall at Stoneycrest Nursing Home, Hindhead Pescafally, Dearly loved wife of Brian, and mother of Gasham and Mark Youngest daughter of the late Norman and Daphne fory. Funezal at All Saints Church, Tifford, Survey on Saturday 20th September at 10 am.

PHILIPS - Gordon AE. On September 11th, peacefully at home in Winchester. Dearly loved husband of Vivianna, father of John and grandfather of Jake and Aaron. Desertions it desired, to Wessett Cancer Trust clo Jac. Steel & Son. Chesti House, Winchester, Hants. Distribution of the later of th Service on Thursday September 18th at 2.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Eritford, Salisbury, Family flowers only. Donations to The Dogs Home, Settersen, 4 Battersen Park Road, London Star Alle

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RANDALL - Suddenly but peacefully at Migdale Hospital, Bonar-Bridge on Saturday September 13th 1997, Carey Francis Martin aged 38 years. Rishopcote, Dornoch. Dearly loved husband of Margaret Davidson, a loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service in Dornoch Cathedral on Wednesday September 17th at 1 pm thereafter to Creich Cometery to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but if ac desired, donations gratefully invited at Service or sent to ker John G Gordon Funeral Director, Gordon House, High Street, Dornoch, Sutherland IV25 33H. Tet 01862 810 503 for RNLB.

SCOTT-BROWN - Rita died peacefully at Swimbridge House Nursing Home on 14th September aged 87 years. Last surviving daughter of Ferry and Rate Winteningham (Ruil), Denity loved by all the family. Funeral Service and interment at Stoke Church, Hartland Quay at 1230 pm on Monday 22nd September. Flowers to H.N. Blackmore & Sons, Funeral Directors, 116 East Street, South Moliton by 9 am, tel: (U1769) 572338.

SLOMAN - On September 13th, John aged 79 of Rock, Cornwall Beloved husband of Joke, Esther of John and Robert, Enquiries (01208) 812626. TEWART - Rowing s t home. Much loved

nt home. Much loved with of the late Sandy Stewart, mother of James, Nary and John and grandmother of Latie, Robert and Clare. Fennenal at 11 am on Piday 19th September at St Lube's Cautch, Sydney Street, SWA. Flowers to Funeral Directors J.H. Kenyon, 74 Eochester Eow, SW1.

STRANG - John Peter Robert died peacefully on September 15th, 1997 in The Royal Murden Hoening, Sutton aged 57 years, Much loved and missed by his parents, Bam and Jimmy, wife Liu and children, Robert, Michael, Andrew, Rency and Matthew. Requiem Mass on Friday September 19th in St Augustine's Church, Tunkridge Wells at 12 noon, Family flowers only. Donations to the Boyel Marsden Cancer Research. Dentils from J. Kempeter and

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SUFFIELD - Hilary Robert Harbord passed away peacefully at Cirencester, Glos., on September 11th aged 85. Member of the Guld of Freeman of the Ciry of London, 600 City of London Squadron, RNVE, retired gyroscopics engineer. Much loved husband of Reme, father of Stewart and Irene, and his 5 grandchildren. Cremation at Cheltenham at noon 22and September. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to Goyal Sritish Legion c/o Facher & Slade, Cirencester. WESTOM - Bertram John Caff ONE, aged 90 years, near Weston-super-Mare on September 11th. Beloved father of Anne and Disma, grandfather of Robin, Hugh, Claudia, Christina and Ion. Funeral Service to take place on Thursday Michelas Church, Ophill, near Weston-super-Mare at 51 Michelas Church, Uphill, near Weston-super-Mare at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Arthritis Research c/o Cooksley & Son. I Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 IUY.
WHD - Joan Mary. Died in the loving nursing care of St Katharines House on September 11th 1997. Sister of the late Andrew and the late Alfred Wild of Bury, Lancashire, For 43 years on the Administration staff of the British Hospital for the Briti

the Administration staff of the British Hospital for Mothers and Bables, Woolwick and friend and companion of the matron, the late Doris Hawkins. Pamily flowers only, but donations if desired to The Warden St Katharines Homes' Wantiese Femeral at House Wantage. Funeral at the Chapel of St Katherines at 12 noon Friday September 19th 1997 followed by

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Stikkan "Sug" Anderson, former manager and producer of the Swedish op group Abba, died on September 12 of a heart attack aged 66. He was born on January 25, 1931.

tig Anderson was the Scandinavian Svengali who gave Sweden its biggest export after Volvo cars. Agnetha Falkstog. Bjorn Ulvaeus. Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad were respected pop performwere respected pop perform-ers in their native region but almost wholly unknown out-side it, until Anderson launched them on the world under the acronym Abba in 1973. The following year the quartet won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo, so beginning a meteoric career that was to make them the biggest-selling pop act since the Beatles.

Stikkan Anderson was born in the small Swedish town of Hova, 200 miles south of Stockholm. He left school at 13, but completed his studies at night classes and went on to become a primary school teacher. In his spare time he wrote songs, and performed with his own group. Stig Anderson and his Mashed

Creampuffs, By the early 1960s Anderson was beginning to enjoy some success as a songwriter, and he soon had his own publishing and management com-panies. One of the acts discov-ered by him and his partner Bengt Bernhag was the West Bay Singers, with Bjorn Ulvaeus as lead singer; renamed the Hootenanny Singers in a nod to the British folk and skiffle boom, they made a Swedish version of Tom Jones's The Green Green Grass of Home.
The nucleus of Abba was

formed soon after when Ulvaeus teamed up with Benny Andersson, keyboard player with the Hep Cats. Sweden's answer to the Beatles. The two men then collaborated with Anderson on an album called Lycka, in which the women who were to become their partners also participated. The quartet (Ulvacus's mar-

riage to Falkstog was followed by Andersson's to Lyngstadi entered the Eurovision Song Contest for the first time, unsuccessfully, with Ring Ring in 1973. The next year, when the contest was held in Brighton, they entered again with Waterloo; this time, although they started as 20-! outsiders, they won.

Anderson had never been in any doubt that they would. His determination to carry off the prize, and the shrewdness with which he set about it, were evident in every aspect of the group's winning perfor-mance. They had shortened

Abba and their manager Stig Anderson (second left) celebrate their 1974 triumph in the Eurovision Song Contest their name now (from Bjorn, Benny, Anna and Frieda) to the more memorable Abba, and even the title of their

possible. "We chose the theme of Waterloo because we wanted something that would be

polished and catchy new song

was calculated to stick in the

minds of as many listeners as

recognisable anywhere in the world. Names that people understood even in Japan or Bulgaria," Anderson said, For the same reason, the song was sung in the sort of cheerfully rudimentary English that Anderson had often employed for his lyrics in the past: "To sing in Swedish would be suicide." Presentation was no less out Europe, so that the record

STIG ANDERSON

calculated and slick, with the orchestral conductor at the contest being persuaded to dress up in Napoleonic costume when accompanying the group. And in preparation for the success that he felt was assured. Anderson had had 100,000 copies of Waterloo distributed to shops through-

was on sale everywhere on the Monday straight after the contest; as a result, it quickly topped the UK chart, and later even entered the American Top Ten.

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The confident efficiency of Abba's Waterloo campaign was to characterise the group's whole career. The blend of high-gloss presentation with

ble tunes, and sublimely unchallenging English lyrics brought the group a seemingly endless succession of Number I records around the world.

Abba's Greatest Hits was the bestseiling British album of 1976, and it was estimated that in that year one in 20 Britons had bought a record by the group. Their annual turnover reached £7 million. In 1978 Anderson co-produced Abba The Movie, in which he played

infectious rhythms, memora-

Many successful performers have seen their vast earnings dissipated by an army of intermediaries and hangerson. Abba retained careful control over everything they did, sharing ownership of their work 50-50 with Anderson.

Deciding to remain in Swe-den despite the country's punitive rates of income tax, they invested under Anderson's guidance in a wide range of non-musical activities and schemes, from property to pleasure hoats and a firm making motorbikes and sewing machines. Anderson was particularly keen on doing business behind the Iron Cur-tain, allowing himself to be drawn into an elaborate and ultimately disastrous system of payment-in-kind which saw pop records part-exchanged for Russian oil, Polish coal and sack upon sack of potatoes. Anderson's apparent reluc-

tance to take professional advice in these matters led to criticism from some Swedish observers, who accused him of wanting to dominate the country's economy in the same way that he had dominated pop. The critics were vindicated after Abba split up in 1982 (the two married couples having split up already). The group's complex financial affairs began to unravel, and they found themselves being investigated on suspicion of tax evasion and threatened with jail. The share price of their publicly quoted company slumped as Swedish investors lost confidence. Anderson bore much of the blame, and was sued by the group over

royalties. In 1989, just as Abba's old hits began to win an only halfironic cult following among a new generation of pop fans, Anderson disposed of his stake in the group's back catalogue to Polygram for an undis-closed amount. With the proceeds, he set up the Polar Music Prize, named after the publishing company he had sold, and awarded through the Royal Swedish Academy of Music to one pop and one classical musician each year: Paul McCartney and the Polish composer Lutoslawski have been among the winners. Stig Anderson is survived

by his wife Gudrun, two sons and a daughter.

### **DONALD SEAMAN**

Donald Seaman, former Daily Express foreign correspondent, died on September 12 aged 75. He was born on May 25, 1922.

DONALD SEAMAN was one of the stars of foreign news reporting in the days when dispatches from correspondents filled columns in even mass circulation newspapers and television could only produce obviously dated news from abroad, still in black and white. It was a time of chartering aeroplanes and even hiring special trains, bribing cable office clerks, spending money on a scale which horrified office accountants and, above all, getting the news back to Fleet Street before any rival. In these arts Seaman was a master.

belonged to the trench-coat made sure he did not spend school of journalism. During too much time in this way. the late 1950s and 1960s there were few wars or insurrections he did not cover. His first foreign assignment was Cyprus and he went on to report from Suez, Iraq, Aden, Israel, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria and South



Africa, in between assignments he returned to the quiet life in Orpington, and report-ing routine stories for the home news desk. But succes-Seaman was no analyst. He sive Express foreign editors

> Seaman was educated at Palmers School, Grays, Essex, and served in the Army during the war in the Middle East later to become his favourite field of operations - and in North West Europe. After two postwar years as a pursar in

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the Merchant Navy he entered journalism through local papers in Shropshire and Northampton. Then he joined the Manchester office of the

Daily Express. He made his name in the four million copies a day, by specialising in the Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess affair. When the story of the defection of the two Foreign Office men broke, he was involved only on its periphery but his subsequent dedication

to exposing the cover-up and evasions led to his first book. The Great Spy Scandal.

At one stage in his career he was given staff posts in the Express bureaux in Moscow and New York, but it was in on-the-spot coverage that he excelled. Nobody was better at the "I-Flew-In-Today-To-See-The-Horror" approach and nobody was more skilled at bluffing the correspondents of rival newspapers. Lord Beaverbrook laid down no formal budget for the Express foreign service in those days, but in Seaman he got his money's

By 1973 when television was providing foreign news - and in colour — on the night before morning newspapers published, it was obvious that the role of the Fleet Street foreign correspondent was diminishing. Seaman took voluntary Cornwall, where he wrote a series of novels, concentrating on the themes he knew so well - treachery, defections, secret agents and traitors.

He is survived by his wife Irene and their two sons and

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### PHILIPPA PULLAR

Philippa Pullar, writer, died of cancer on September 7 aged 62. She was born in London on February 12, 1935.

PHILIPPA PULLAR'S life divided into three phases. In the first she was a rebellious schoolgiri, expelled from one school at 11 for a conjectured but sexually explicit episode in an epistolary fiction, and from another because her pony, Chocolate, attacked the games mistress.

Her father and mother, Rex and Ivy King, and their elderly nanny, butler and cook did their best to see that she had a conventional upbringing; and, seeing no way except marriage out of a life in which she felt trapped, she was a far from reluctant debutante in Coronation year, 1953. She became engaged to a landowner in by Nash, and although she was honest enough to admit

that she was "as much in love with the place as with the man himself", was devastated when he died. In 1957, on the rebound, she married Robert Pullar.

They moved to Stockwell Manor in Devon, where, having lost his capital in a failed agricultural equipment com-pany, her husband then failed at raising battery hens - an industry of which Philippa became an early and vigorous opponent. There were two sons, but the imprisoning marriage, and the first phase of her life, were over.

The next stage began when she moved to Deal in 1965. Two years later she met the biographer Michael Holroyd (whom she refers to as "Horace" in the prologue to her 1981 book. The Shortest Journey). The first volume of his life of Lytton Strachey was just appearing, and he was becoming a literary lion. Philippa Pullar already had ambitions as a writer, and was preparing a book based on journals kept during her miserable second marriage — though it was never published — and she now began to feel the need for a real education. She took herself to the British Museum Reading Room to do historical research into British eating habits for what became the well-received Consuming Passions (1971), which contained an early attack on

factory farming.
Pullar and Holroyd parted soon afterwards, to her dis-

tress, though they remained good friends. She began to celebrate her liberation in the fashion of the age, with alcohol and sex. After one liquid dinner, she wrote, "I found myself on the last number 14 bus home and in bed with the bus conductor." (She was said to be a model for Maisie in Simon Raven's Alms for Obli-

vion series.)
She had moved to Barnes, where she made what was to have been a magical nest for herself and Holroyd. But like all her houses it had its flaws, in this case noise from trains at the bottom of the ravishing garden and the Heathrow flightpath overhead. This part of her life culminated in the publication in 1975 of her biography of Frank Harris; this gave her a literary standing and financial security. In 1968 she had attended a

lecture on transcendental meditation. Eventually this led to the third and final phase of her life, which gave her the strength and serenity she displayed in her last few weeks. In 1977 she made the first of several trips to India which

resulted in The Shortest Journey (1981), a genuinely funny spiritual travelogue. On the basis of an uneconomic newspaper commission (with no expenses and a fee that did not cover the cost of the journey), she went with a friend to the Kumbh Mela, and fell under the influence of the boy guru Sai Baba.

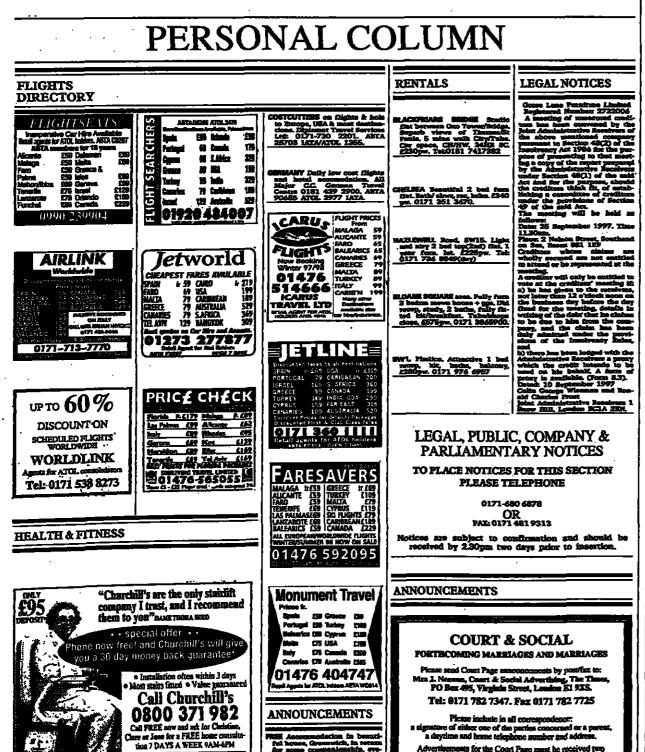
Philippa Pullar never fell for the whole spiritualist package: her time doing rational re-search at the British Museum and an exuberant, camp sense of humour made that improbable. But she studied Sahaja Yoga with Shri Mataji Nirmala Dovi; later she began training with the National Federation of Spiritual Healers, met and wrote two books with Lilla Bok, the Polish healer, and learnt about Sufism from Irena Tweedie. She conducted several cruises to Egypt to investigate what she called "temple meditation", and acquired an academic interest in Egyptology, study-ing hieroglyphics at London

University. She was an intuitive, eclectic therapist, embracing everything from the laying on of hands to drumming. In 1988 she published Spiritual and Lay Healing with Penguin. She believed that health, in the end, was a question of energy and what one does with it.

Although she now had no interest in conventional medicine, she felt that those who practised alternative forms should be qualified, and on the eve of her death she finished her own dissertation. Magic and Mysticism in the Ancient Egyptian Pyramid Texts, for an MA course at Kent University.

When she was told in July that she had terminal cancer. she refused treatment, saying that she would take upon herself the responsibility for her illness - either healing it or managing her own death. In either case she intended to set an example for the many people she had nurtured and helped, and with the minimum of drugs she did just that, fortified by the essential-ly comic view of life that is evident in all her books.

She is survived by her two sons.



### **GAME SLAUGHTER** IN AFRICA

THE TSETSE MENACE TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir.-Your Correspondent in no way over-

Sir.—Your Correspondent in no way overstresses the threat to the survival of Africa's
game. A few months ago at Shinyanga, where
East African research on the control of isesse
is centred, I was told of experiments which
proved to the satisfaction of scientists there
that the slaughter of game animals reduces
the numbers of tsetses to a level where men
and animals can be brought in to clear the
bush and wipe out the rest of the game.

At the same time the isetse position is
becoming worse. Seven-eighths of Tanganyika and three-quarters of Uganda are now
said to be unsafe for domestic animals.

Desperate needs breed desperate remedies,
and East African Governments, no doubt

and East African Governments, no doubt reluctantly, appear to have endorsed, or to be about to endorse, the wholesale game extermination policy carried out in Southern Rhodesia, even though scientific evidence that this is both essential and always effective is not yet conclusive. There are many instances not yet conclusive. There are many instances of the unforeseen and often dangerous results which follow an abrupt upsetting of the balance of nature. To drive out the tsetse,

### ON THIS DAY

September 16, 1947 **经是销售** 

Fighting the menace of the tsetse fly was an ongoing battle, as the writer Elspeth Hudey, who died this year, pointed out in this letter to The Times. She gave a warning that even proven methods had to be watched carefully lest they upset the balance of nature

game slaughter must be linked with control of the density of bush through clearing, burning, and other methods, a difficult and costly business. At present this seems to be the only line of attack seriously contemplated. There is, however, an alternative. Game animals, through the ages, have acquired an immunity to the life-destroying trypanosome. Domestic animals, later comers on the evolutionary scene, have not. Our present method is to exterminate those animals which have been successful in the hopes that this will protect those who have not

The alternative is to confer on susceptible animals the immunity acquired by game, or

an imitation of it. This line of research is admittedly difficult, and no successful method of immunization against a protozoal infection has (I believe) been found. Surely that does mean that it can never be? I visited near Shinyanga another research station where the researchers believe that they have found a

researchers believe that they have found a clue to the immunization of man against the trypanosome causing sleeping sickness.

This work is in its very early stages, and its authors are much too cautious to make hard and fast claims. The clue may prove to be a false one. But surely it is worth following up? Yet this laboratory is staffed by two scientists (one of whom was on leave) and an assistant: they have no electric light or water, and are obviously being rup "on a shoesting."

obviously being run "on a shoe-string" . . . A layman is always a babe in the scientific wood, but it does appear to one layman at least that this research should be followed up on a far wider scale before the death sentence is passed for ever on the game. It would be a major tragedy if we were to wipe out irrevocably one of Africa's greatest glories only to find that, at a far less cost and with much greater certainty, we could have protected our livestock without this wholesale

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I'm afraid so, I invested in Leeds United defenders -Nigel Martyn in goal and Robert Molenaar in the centre of the defence. All those clean sheets must have dazzled

Hours. Martyn let in three at Blackburn and Molenaar conceded a penalty into the bargain.

But it could have been worse, think of that other Molenzar foul on Dahlin that the referee didn't notice and he did score a goal, which is worth four points for a defender. And Leeds won, so, all in all, you're ahead on Molenaar. Did you enjoy the game, by the way? It's much more interesting when some of your ITF players are on the field, isn't it?

Much too interesting, if you ask me. Every time Black-burn went forward. I thought they were going to score. Now you know how George Graham feels. At least you don't have to face an inquisition afterwards. What do you call this then?

Who did you sell to raise the money to buy Martyn and Molenaar, by the way? You don't want to know.

Well, as long as you don't laugh. Steve Walsh of

He scored and finished on the winning side, who kept a clean sheet . I'm well aware of that, thank you.

.. and David James. Everyone said he was a dodgy keeper, and that Martyn was safe as houses. That was then, but this is now. Anyway, you're taking far too negative an approach. Martyn didn't let any goals in during the second half at Blackburn, so he gets three points for that. Okay, he's not doing as well as he did last season, but it's only September. There's a long way to go. It's still early doors. Come on, you can at least speak like a manager. Is there any good news?

Not really. I sold Blondeau and bought Babayaro, as you suggested, but since neither played over the weekend, I wouldn't have lost any points in any case. I hear Babayaro is approaching fitness again. Why does that make me feel worried?

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Ms James's big scorer was lan Wright, whose hat-trick against Bolton Wanderers in Arsenal's 4-I win on Saturday was worth a total of 18 points (2 per goal, I each for an appearance and a victory, and

have been entered so far.

Words: Nick Szczepanik

a ten-point hat-trick bonus).

ITF ranking list - which may throughout her selection. that nearly 200,000 teams Goals from such unexpected sources as Chelsea's Graeme Le Saux, Steve Guppy of Leicester City, Robin Van Der Laan of Derby County and Wimbledon's Chris Perry, a timely first victory of the season for Joe Kinnear, and clean sheets for Aston Villa's Ugo Ehiogu and Ed De Goev of Chelsea, meant that only Martin Bullock (Barnsley) and David Barry (Newcastle) failed

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### Kaamark puts his mark on ITF - and on Juninho KAMMARKSTEM

TONIGHT, in the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid. Pontus Kaamark of Leicester City may be called upon to relive one of last season's most contentious confrontations when Leicester visit Atletico Madrid in the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie. It was after the drawn Coca

Cola Cup final between Leicester and Middlesbrough in April that Kaamark, the Sweden international defender, wondered out loud about the morality of man-to-manmarking the opposition's most Juninho, who left Teesside for Madrid during the summer, and may find himself monopolising Kaamark's at-

tention again tonight. His reservations notwithstanding, Kaamark repeated his harnessing of Juninho in the replay at Hillsborough, and finished with a winner's medal. There are no reports of him refusing to accept it on moral grounds.

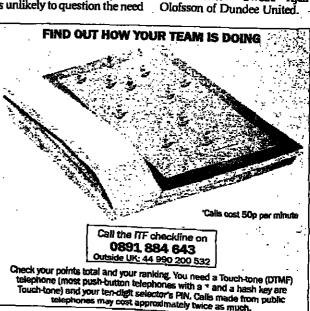
Kaamark is one of 74 players who has entered a team in the PFA league and, perhaps for reasons of diplomacy rather than ideology, chosen his own club manager, Martin O'Neill, to lead his ITF team. But has he, as one might have expected, selected a team unfettered by pragmatic considerations?

Yes and no. His top points scorer, with 16, is Graeme Le Saux, as creative a full-back as any - but in midfield, he has also picked David Batty, who is unlikely to question the need

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to mark anybody. And yet, as if to confirm Kaamark's own doubts about the destructive side of the otherwise beautiful game, Batty is a zero contributor to the team. Kaamark needs to address one practical matter, however: a gap in his team, left by Brian Deane. For the £2.5 million, he could recruit fellow Swede Kjell



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# Your full guide to players and transfers

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well-known football writer once published a novel entitled Goal-keepers Are Different. That is no less true in Interactive Team Football. Apart from the

occupational hazard of conceding goals and giving away penalties, thereby risking col-lecting a red or yellow card [all of which will lose points for their ITF teams), their only function is to deny the opposi-tion a goal, for which they can score a maximum of six points per game, each goalless half being worth three points. But do they get any glory?

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who can manage the feat of knocking one in at the other end. Taking a penalty is the most likely way onto the scoreshest, but it is not the only one. Some goalkeepers have managed to score with wind-assisted kicks from their own penalty areas, most famously Pat Jeonings of Totten-Ireland, in the 1907 FA Charity Shield against Manchester United at Old Trafford. Two goalkeepers in the ITF listings, Andy Goram of Rangers and Steve Ogrizovic of Coventry

City, have managed to equal

that in league games. Nevertheless, the most likely goalscoring keeper is proba-bly Peter Schmeichel, whose forays into opposition penalty areas for corner-kicks late in Manchester United games have threatened to net him more than the single goal he got against Rotor Volgograd at Old Trafford in the 1995-96 UEFA Cup. Although United were still eliminated, it was the first headed goal by a goal-keeper for an English club in Europe, if nothing special by Schmeichel standards: while playing in Denmark, he scored two for Odense, having previously managed six in only 88 matches for Hvidovre.

his previous club. Nevertheless, while ITF still awaits the first Schmeichel 20pointer, the Dane is not doing at all badly in the meantime. John Hartson's 13th-minute

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opener for West Ham at Old Trafford on Saturday (for which, as is the goalkeeper's prerogative, he blamed someone else - in this case, quite rightly, Gary Pallister) was the first goal he had conceded this Kitson two minutes later enabled his team to win the match 2-1 — worth another point. Five wins in six appearances, including eleven halves without conceding, adds up to 42 points - the best record of any player in ITF.



Above left: Andy Goram. Above: goal-scorer Schmeichel. What do they have in common?

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Review: Joe Joseph can hardly stay

awake for the first in a Channel 4 series on the Seven Deadly Sins

Howard Marks on Sloth. Preview. the story of Britain's withdrawal-

from the exchange-rate system and

the "financial meltdown" in 1992 is told in Black Wednesday (BBC),

Blair and the bishops

A power is not wrongly exercised

for being rarely exercised. The

Prime Minister is well within his

rights to reject the Church of England's two candidates for the

bishopric of Liverpool ...... Page 19

Economics and politics have never

been easy bedfellows. Their rela-

tionship is likely to become ever

more tense as the date for the intro-

duction of the single currency

Italian restaurants have been

around for years, but the country's

cuisine now enjoys a new

Scrooge, in his unreformed phase,

has been running Britain for far too

long, and the vanishing bus com-

ductor is the symbol of his chilly

If Mr Major's policies bad suc-

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of the people of Wales. Next year it

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### Palace counter funeral 'lies'

■ The Queen mounted a strong counter-attack yesterday against a wave of speculation that the Royal Family had been at odds since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

She authorised Buckingham Palace to issue a rare and outspoken statement cataloguing a flood of "inaccurate and untrue" stories about the funeral preparations ...... Page 1

### Crackdown on speeding drivers

■ POLICE forces are to be told to take tough action against motorists driving too fast as part of a government crackdown on speeding. Ministers will insist on the strict enforcement of speed limits, particularly the 30mph limits, as part of an initiative launched yesterday, to reduce the annual 3,600 road deaths by up to a third. They want drivers who break speed limits by as little as 5mph in towns to be fined...... ..... Page 1

### A mother's vigil

As potentially historic peace talks opened at Stormont yesterday the mother of the last British soldier shot in Northern Ireland led a silent vigil outside the gates to remind the politicians of the human stakes in their .Page 2 endeavours.

### Rugby brawl

Three Welsh rugby players were facing prosecution last night after a furious bar brawl with their French opponents. Up to 60 players and supporters were ...Page 3 involved...

### Royals dismissed

A new book on the history of Britain has described the Royal Family as increasingly irrelevant and dismissed the Empire as little more than a setting for the film industry...

### Death on the ward

More people die each year of infections caught in hospital than are killed on the roads, according to a report today ..... ..... Page 6

### Crop cut to core

Many English apple growers face bankruptcy after the worst season for decades, it was claimed yesterday. The crop was halved by frosts and cold winds......Page 7 Welsh 'revolt'

Rebel Labour MPs warned the Government yesterday that they Welsh assembly even if the people of Wales voted for one ..... Page 9 stani Prime Minister ...... Page 13

### Jerusalem flashpoint

Two Arab houses in annexed east Jerusalem emerged yesterday as a new Middle East flashpoint. Jewish settlers moved in under cover of darkness .. ....Page 10

### Tiananmen plea

Zhao Ziyang, the disgraced former party chief, has appealed to the Chinese Communist Party to reassess the Tiananmen Square

### Stealth grounded America grounded its Stealth fighters yesterday after the crash of an F117A Nighthawk as it per-

formed combat manoeuvres at a Baltimore airshow. The fighter disintegrated overhead ... Page 11 **EU** budget battle The future of Britain's special re-

### bate from the European Union budget came into question yesterday as Germany and The Netherlands insisted they paid too much to Brussels... .... Page 12

Collector's year Italy's wine harvest is the best for 50 years, with not only Barolo and Nobile di Montepulciano but also the humbler wines from Sicily and Sardinia scoring high

'Bhutto assets' frozen Swiss authorities have imposed a three-month freeze on bank acwould campaign to change the counts allegedly held secretly by Benazir Bhutto, the former Paki-

### Tennis star serves love not gore

Yannick Noah, the French tennis champion turned rock musician, has outraged traditionalists with a new version of the Marseillaise, replacing the bloodthirsty words of the national anthem with protestations of peace and love. Instead of "water the soil of France with the impure gore", M Noah urges "let us rediscover French virtues"



A doll collection dressed by 18 British designers will be auctioned by Sotheby's for the charity Action on Addiction tomorrow night

BUSINESS

Investments: Warren Buffett, one of America's best known investors. has bought bonds worth £6.25 billion in a move seen by Wall Street as an early warning of a stock market crash. ..Page 25

Tobacco: President Clinton is expected to demand tough modifications to the \$386.5 billion tobacco settlement after holding talks with ...Page 25

Delay: The European Commission is threatening to delay the award of the main digital terrestrial television (DTI) licences to British Digital Broadasting ...... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 54.7 points to close at 4902.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 100.1 to 99.5 after a fall from \$1.6083 to \$1.6048...

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Cricket: Radical proposals for a two division county championship. backed by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board. were thrown out by England's first-

Rugby union: Organisers of the European Cup will consider whether to suspend teams from the competition after violence in France on Sunday ....

Football: Sir John Hall is to stand down as chairman of Newcastle United ...

Sailing: Lawrie Smith, who has Britain's best chance in years of winning the Whitbread round-theworld race, struggles with the public side of being her leading ...... Page 28 | offshore skipper..

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Outspoken art: Young rebels storm the bastions of conservatism, as the Royal Academy plays host to Charles Saatchi's extraordinary collection of work by young British

Winning voice: The 23-year-old American baritone Marcus DeLoach wins the first Wigmore Hall International Song Com-.Page 16

Legend remembered: La Scala. Milan, marks the 20th anniversary of the death of prima donna Maria

Pop queen: The Hollywood looks and velveteen vocals of Toni Braxton go on display at Wembley Arena. All the familiar tactics are employed, including mock seduction ...

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Love and the bottle: In the third extract from his new book, Dr Thomas Stuttaford looks at alcohol's effect on male and female libidos and fertility.....

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### LAN Safer homes: The toughening of legislative measures against domestic violence will provide better protection for victims of assault in the home.

The Army has looked closely at the problem of sexual misconduct in its ranks and issued a withering selfindictment that deserves praise for its candour and support for its determination to clean up an inexcusable mess ... sexual harassment is widespread throughout the

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☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Cent S England, E Midlands: occasional surry spells, showery rain after dark. Moderate SW wind, locally fresh tonight, Max 21-23C (70-73F). mainly in the north.

☐ E England, W Midlands: brief spells of surshine then rain towards evening. Mod-erate SW wind, freshening later. Max 20-22C (68-72F).

periods, showers tonight, Moderate S to SW wind. Max 18-20C (64-68F).

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19C (63-66F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow: heavy bursts of rain followed by showers. Fresh SW winds Max 15-18C (59-64F).

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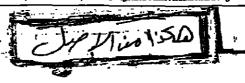
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deal under pressure

PRESIDENT Clinton is expected to demand tough modifications to the \$386 billion (£240 million) tobacco settlement (Oliver August writes from New York). Approval of the settle-

ment, which includes BAT, is likely to be delayed until next year as a result of Mr Clinton's reaction to a backlash against the settlement for being too soft on the tobacco companies. Critics claim the companies could afford much more than the \$386.5 billion payment over 25 years designed to compensate for the healthcare costs

incurred by smokers. Tomorrow Mr Clinton is expected to call for harsher penalities if the companies fail to meet the targets for a reduction in teenage smoking. The settlement, which will protect tobacco companies against individ-ual law suits, needs

**BUSINESS** 

WARREN BUFFETT, one of

America's best-known inves-

tors and wealthiest men, has

bought bonds worth \$10 billion

(£6.25 billion) in a move seen by

Wall Street as an early warn-

The investment guru, known as the Sage of Omaha,

his \$34 billion share portfolio

to pay for the bonds. It emerged yesterday that Mr

Buffen's Berkshire Hathaway

fund has been buying risky zero-coupon bonds with a face

value of \$10 billion at a cost of

\$2 billion over a five-week

Buffett's move could send

shockwaves through the ranks

of small investors who follow

period ending last week.

The traders said

believed to have sold part of

ing of a stock market crash.

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TUESDAY SELTEMBER 16 1994

Wall Street regards investor's move as early warning of market crash

# Buffett buys \$10bn of bonds

ly. While there is no confirmabuy shares in well-run companies and hold them for a tion of what stocks he may have sold, the size of the long rime. buying spree makes it inevita-

ble that he will have dipped

into his portfolio, they said. Brad Golding, of DKB Fi-

nancial Products, said: "The

impact of Buffett's buying has been felt throughout the mar-

ket. If my mother hears Buffett

likes Coca Cola she will start

Leuthold/Weeden Research, a

money management firm, said: "Is Warren Buffett doing

some very significant selling? I

think this might be the case."

market is a departure from

Mr Buffett's traditional invest-

ment strategies. For decades

The move into the bond

Steve Leuthold, chairman of

buying the stocks."

The zero-coupon bonds he bought over the past month are fundamentally different investment vehicles. The US Treasury bonds offer no return before maturity in ten or 30 years. They are extremely volatile and are effectively a bet that interest rates will fall. sending up band price.

To mask his larest activity, Berkshire Hathaway has been dealing through a number of

WARREN BUFFETT is generally regarded as the world's most successful investor, having accumulated a fortune estimated at more than \$23 billion (£14.4 billion) over 40 years (Paul

Mr Buffett is the most successful exponent of the "value investing" philoso-phy espoused by PDFM, the UK pension fund manager under scrutiny since pulling money out of the rising UK stock market. However Tony Dye, PDFM's investment boss, believes the world's markets could be approaching a crash.

Wall Street firms. Any news of its activities has had a dramatic effect on the stock market recently. Last month investors misinterpreted a Berkshire announcement to the effect that it was selling out of Wells Fargo, the banking group. The ensuing rush to sell Wells Fargo shares produced a 127point drop in the Dow Jones

industrial average. Mr Buffett was giving no clues yesterday about his investment strategy, or saying whether Berkshire Hathaway had sold any equities to fund the bond purchases.

Mr Buffett, 73, is a legend among small investors in America, thousands of whom flock to his home town of Omaha, Nebraska, every May to hear him speak. At this soism" the fund manager treats them to homelies such as: Risk comes from not knowing what you are doing."

He also tells investors that "we like to buy businesses. We don't like to sell and we expect the relationship to last a lifetime." Among the major stocks he has held for years are Gillene, Salomon Brothers and Coca Cola.

At the end of the Sixties Mr

Buffett liquidated his first investment business because he did not think he could maintain his results in the prevailing stock market climate. Last year he even said that he thought Berkshire's shares were too high.

German interest rates have

been steady for over a year, but the key "repo" rate is

than the rate in Italy. Other

European countries are likely

to find it necessary to tweak

rates to ensure a suitable

convergence point next May,

which economists predict will

Spanish and Italian short-

term bonds also rallied sharp-

ly yesterday, closing the gap

with German bonds to record

lows, as financial markets

concluded the timetable for

be around 4.5 per cent.

# **BDB** licences face delay in Brussels

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

THE European Commission received on conventional roofaward of the main digital terrestrial television (DTT) licences to British Digital Broadcasting, the joint venture between Carlton Communications and Granada.

BDB plans to launch 20 digital television channels out of 40 due to be launched in the second half of next year. DTT channels are broadcast from ordinary transmitters and are

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presidential and congressional approval.

box decoder is needed.

BDB won the franchise in June from Digital Television Network, a company set up by NTL, the US cable and broadcasting services group. Nor-mally the Independent Television Commission, the regulatory body for commercial television, formally awards such licences, but it is clear this will be delayed.

Digital Television Network has formally complained to the European Commission about the structure of the BDB plan and the competition directorate, led by Karel van Miert, is investigating.

It is highly unlikely that the ITC will award the licences until formal clearance is received from Brussels. This in turn will increase pressure on the equipment manufacturers. They have started to warn that time is running out if receivers are to be in the shops in volume for the 1998 pre-Christmas market. So far specifications have not been delivered to manufacturers and no orders have been placed. It is difficult to see how BDB could place significant orders before the licences are awarded.

The main issue before Brussels is BDB's long-term pro-gramme supply deals with BSkyB, the satellite television venture. BSkyB, in which News International owners of The Times holds a 40 per cent stake, was originally a one third shareholder in BDB. The ITC decided that BSkyB should be excluded as an equity shareholder on competition grounds, but insisted that BSkyB channels such as Sky Sports and Sky Movies should remain an integral

part of the package.
It is also believed that the Commission is interested in the fact that the two largest ITV companies will have such a powerful position in DTT.



Paul Davidson, left, managing director, Jim Brown and John Pfeil, finance director

### Papermen make £25m

By Eric Reguly

SIX senior managers of Newsquest will make about £25 million in less than two years from the £500 million flotation of the regional newspaper group.

Newsquest, formed early last year when Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the American leveraged buyout firm, backed the £210 million management buyout of Reed International's regional newspapers, doubled in size within 12 months when it paid £298 million for Pearson's Westminster Press division. Newsquest said it will exits autumn flotation in an effort to become the leading regional newspaper group. The flotation, announced vesterday, is expected to raise

E200 million, valuing the group at £500 million. It will carry about £200 million of debt. SBC Warburg Dillon Read and Merrill Lynch, the underwriters, hope to complete the offering next month.

A performance-related "ratchet mechanism will boost the holdings of the senior managers from about 1 per pand through acquisitionafter cent to about 5 per cent, valu-

ing their post-flotation equity stake at £25 million. Jim Brown, Newsquest's

chairman, said there were plenty of buying opportunities in spite of the rapid consolidation of the industry. United News & Media is thought to be willing to sell its regional papers; titles include the Yorkshire Post and the Lancashire Evening Post. Newsquest has 173 titles, including the Northern Echo, Evening Argus and Berrow's Worcester Journal, the world's oldest paper in continuous publication.

### Pound hits low after German rate rise hint

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

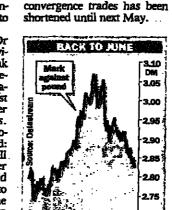
uld raise standing more than three and Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, said "the room

to manoeuvre" interest rate policy is much narrower after the EU agreed on Sunday to set bilateral exchange rates for currencies entering a single currency next May.

The pound fell almost three

ofennies to touch a low of DM2.8168, before recovering slightly to close at DM2.8296. Sterling's trade weighted index also slipped 0.6 points to close at 99.5. Economists interpreted Dr

Tiermever's comments as evidence that the Bundesbank will push rates higher as a preemptive strike against inflation and to close the interest rate differential with other likely EMU members. Gerhard Grebe, chief economist at Julius Baer, said: National central banks will be end-of-line models after May. Anything they do could be viewed as an attempt to disrupt EMU and the Bundesbank will want to avoid that at all costs."



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### Landhurst pair enter guilty pleas

THE Landhurst Leasing trial came to an abrupt end at the Old Bailey yesterday, when the defendants changed their pleas to admit accepting thousand of pounds in kickbacks. Ted Ball, 50, former chair-man of Landhurst, and David Ashworth, 45, former joint managing director, took the money in return for advancing millions to the Brabbam Formula One racing team. They were released on bail and will be sentenced on

October 17. Ball changed his plea on Friday, pleading guilty to eight counts of corruptly involving £420,000 in bribes, but reporting restrictions were imposed.

Ashworth yesterday pleaded guilty to receiving £120,000, jointly with Ball, as an inducement for advancing loans to Brabham.

### Chief resigns at Dalgety

By Sarah Cunningham

RICHARD CLOTHIER has resigned as chief executive of Dalgety, the troubled food group, clearing the way for the sale of two divisions and a restructuring of the Felix and Winalot perfoods business that will lead to 700 job losses. Mr Clothier, who left at the weekend after 20 years with the group, was paid £295,000 last year. Under his two-year contract, he is in line for a payoff of up to £600,000 plus pension entitlements. Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, said negotiations on terms are und-

er way. Ken Hanna, finance director, replaces Mr Clothier. The group, which City firms have been eyeing for break-up value, said yesterday it would seek buyers of its food ingredients business, including milling, and its Martin-Brower US distribution business, which works solely for Mc-Donalds. Sir Denys said it had not yet held any talks with possible buyers. Analysts expect ingredients to raise about £300 million and Martin-Brower to fetch up to £190 mil-

lion. The proceeds will be used

to reduce the group's debts and return about £200 million to shareholders.

The group has charged £64 million for reorganisation of petfoods, helping to push it from £89.6 million pre-tax profit to £71.6 million loss in the year to June 30. The final dividend, due on December I, has been cut from 13.5p to 6p giving a full-year dividend down from 22.5p to 14.5p.

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# Cable & Wireless integration costs hit £200m

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

CABLE & WIRELESS Communications, the UK's largest cable company, said it had cost £200 million to create an integrated company from its four constituent parts - Mercury Communications and three cable companies. Nynex, Videotron and Bell Cablemedia.

The one-off charge, which covers everything from staff costs and brand development to property writedowns, will be taken as a single exceptional charge in CWC's results for the six months to September 31. There will also be a

£504 million balance sheet adjustment to reflect debt refinancing and writing down the value of the existing analog cable network before the arrival of digital systems.

The charges appeared to hit the CWC share price, which fell from 255p to 242p. Graham Wallace, CWC chief executive, said yesterday that there would also be more than £100 million in savings this financial year, compared with the standalone plans of the separate companies. mainly through rationalising duplicated head office costs. He was speaking on the day CWC launched an integrated press, television and

poster campaign which will cost £50 million over the next six months alone and which yesterday involved purchasing all the colour advertising capacity of the national press for

Mr Wallace made it clear that CWC intends to compete head-on with BT in telecommunication services and even target the telephone customers of other cable companies. In the past Mercury has tended to concentrate on the corporate market rather. "We are going back into the consumer market with a vengence,"

Cuts in the cost of connecting Mercury local calls to the BT network, in areas where CWC does not have a cable franchise, have come down. The cable company said it planned to spend about £1 billion a year on its network until it is complete in 2001.

Pro forma accounts published yesterday showed total revenues up 13 per cent to 5551 million in the three months to June, compared with £485 million for the same period in 1996. There was a pre-tax profit of £80 million.

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# Electricity firms face customer desertions

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

ELECTRICITY customers could abandon monopoly suppliers in droves once the household market starts opening to competition next April. Fewer than a third of consumers are determined to stay

with their present regional suppliers once those companies face competition, according to a survey by Coopers & Lybrand.

If consumers do what they say, then the industry would witness one of the biggest shake-ups in customer loyalty so far. The indications dwarf the expectations of those in the industry, including the regulator, who has forecast a transfer of only about 5 per cent in the first two years.

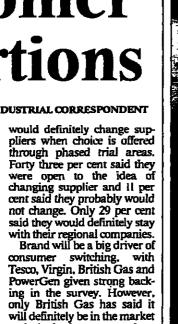
About 12 per cent of those questioned said that they

### **Electronics** firm prospers

CITY Technology Holdings, the electronic equipment group, raised pre-tax profits 24 per cent, to £7.7 million, in the year to June 30, on sales up 18 per cent to £18.9 million. Earnings per share rose

25 per cent, to 10.68p, out of which a total dividend of 5.27p will be paid for the year, the first full 12 John Finbow, chief exec-

utive, said: "The business has continued to generate significant profitable growth despite its reliance on export markets and despite the strength of sterling." The shares rose 11 ½ p, to 185p.



ing in the survey. However, only British Gas has said it will definitely be in the market and doubt hangs over how many new entrants will challenge the regional companies. Margins in electricity supply are expected to be slight. Customers said that they would be interested in companies that could offer good prices on a baskep of house-

hold services such as gas, electricity and financial services. The regional electricity suppliers will have some customer advantage if they are able to offer good packages of services. Fifty per cent of those surveyed said they would choose a Rec if it could offer gas, electricity, water and financial services.

Murray MacFarlane, partner with Coopers & Lybrand, said: "We are seeing a sea change in the attitude of consumers. It is a change that wouldn't have been anticipat-☐ Domestic customers will save £1.3 billion on their

electricity bills this year compared with 1990-91, the Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries says. The savings, driven by price controls and the erosion of the nuclear levy mean a reduction of about £54 on an average bill.

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### Blagden advances as sales dip

the paper and packaging group, raised pre-tax profits from £7.1 million to £8.3 million in the six months to June 30 on sales that fell from

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£127.5 million to £114.7 Earnings per share rose from 6.7p to 7.7p, out of which the half-year dividend rises

from 1p to 1.1p. The board is

confident about the second half in spite of the strong pound, which knocked £1.3 million off operating profits in the first half. The shares slipped 14p to 160p.

# called Cambourne. The development is on the

shire District Council.

come after the building of the first three houses at Hampton, an even larger new-town project near Peterborough, north of Cambridge.

Hampton, which is to be developed by Hanson, the building materials company.

on former clay-pits, envisages 5.200 homes with a population of 13.000 people. Hanson expects that the capital value of the completed scheme could approach £1 billion. Both housebuilders are con-

fident that there is sufficient demand to accommodate the schemes, which were approved by Cambridgeshire District Council.

Oliver Whitehead, chief exfastest-growing areas for housing demand in Britain.

The Cambourne project also includes a 50-acre business park and envisages a golf course, sports centre and country park. The final value of the project over its 12-year development period is estimated by the three companies at

costs. Some 70 per cent of the land

### join forces to create new town

**Builders** 

BY CARL MORTISHED

ALFRED McALPINE is leading a £450 million project to build a new town near Cam-bridge, capable of housing a population of \$,000 at a 1.000-acre greenfield site.

McAlpine has signed up

Bryant Homes and Bovis Homes, the P&O subsidiary, to help to build 3,300 homes. shops, a health centre, schools and a library to service the town, to be situated seven miles west of Cambridge and

A428 Bedford to Cambridge road. The three companies are working closely on resolving details with South Cambridge

The launch of site work at Cambourne later this year will

ecutive of McAlpine, said Cambridgeshire is one of the

more than £450 million.

Bryant and Bovis are expected to share McAlpine's costs to date and all future

has been acquired with the balance under option.

### **Journals** link up to take on TV

SEVEN of the world's most competitive business and international publications have combined to launch an advertising campaign extolling the virtues of print in a TV

age (Raymond Snoddy writes). Business Week, The Economist. The European. Fortune, International Herald Tri-bune, Newsweek and Time have got together in the World Press Group for an initial year-long campaign.It will be launched on Thursday using the slogan "in the global village we are the local press". The aim is to fight back

against such TV channels as CNN and BBC World. The campaign has been designed by Team Saatchi, the specialist multidisciplined advertising team headed by Michael Parker. He believes is is the first time so many highprofile international publications have linked for such a

generic campaign.

Modest gains at **Travis Perkins** 

**By Chris Ayres** 

MORE evidence emerged yesterday to suggest that Britain's economy is not overheating, as one of the biggest builder's builders' claims that there is no property boom.

Travis Perkins, which has a market value of £520 million, yesterday reported an 8 per cent rise in turnover for the six months to June 30, from £250 million to £270 million, with pre-tax profits rising 31 per cent, from £17.2 million to £22.6 million. An interim dividend of 3.3p (3p) will be paid on November 3.

The increase in profits was achieved mainly through improved operating margins, which rose from 7.2 per cent to

The company's statement came days after three of Britain's largest housebuilders - Wilson (Connolly), Bryant and Wilson Bowden posted results showing that house prices are not rising as dramatically as predicted. Tony Travis, chairman of Travis Perkins, said: "There is

no housing boom outside central London. People have got a bit more money, but they are not going recklessly ahead in improving their houses like they did in the 1980s. There is still a lack of job security.

The industry might have expected to show a little more growth given the rise in hous-ing transactions, and some commentators may have thought we should have been doing more. It's certainly not been very exciting. But there has been a slow and sustained improvement"

He added that Travis Perkins would continue to make small acquisitions. The shares rose 14½p to close at 513½p.

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### ABC blames sale on out-of-town cinemas

ABC CINEMAS yesterday blamed competition from large out-of-town cinemas for its decision to sell 20 of its sites, risking as many as 200 jobs. Barry Jenkins, chief executive of ABC, the second-largest British-owned cinema chain, said that the company hoped to find jobs for some of the 200 employees at its remaining 60 cinemas. The proceeds from the sales are to be used to invest in multiplex developments in town centres. ABC would not identify the cinemas that are to be closed and said it is likely that the new owners would find different uses for the sites.

The ABC cinemas were bought in a management buyout two years ago from Richard Branson's Virgin Group. the owner of the MGM cinemas. Mr Jenkins said: "I believe that it is important for local planning authorities to adhere to the Government's guidelines in restricting out-of-town developments so that the vitality of town

### Morgan Crucible ahead

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the industrial materials business with a market value of more than El billion, reported a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to July 4, from £48.3 million to £54.7 million. Profits were boosted by improved operating margins as turnover fell by 1.8 per cent from £459 million to £451 million. Earnings per share rose to 15.8p (14.1p) and an increased interim dividend of 7p (6.6p) will be paid on January 6.

### Nestlé stake buyout

NESTLE, the food group, is to buy out a 49 per cent stake in the Dairy Farm joint venture for \$40 million (£25 million). Nestle bought its original 51 per cent of the dairy products manufacturing business operations in Hong Kong and China in November 1992. The sale of the remaining 49 per cent, due to be completed on Friday, will produce an exceptional gain for Dairy Farm of \$24 million which will be taken into the company's 1997 full-year results.

### Brunel in US disposal

BRUNEL HOLDINGS, the engineering group, is to sell Brunel America, including Mustang Manufacturing Company, its trading subsidiary, to Gehl for £17.2 million after expenses of about £250,000. Brunel said the proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings of the continuing group. Gehl is also taking on Brunel America's lease finance debt of \$1.5 million (£935,000). Mustang designs, develops, manufactures and distributes skid steer loaders and related attachments.

### **Westinghouse sells**

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC confirmed that it has signed an agreement to sell Thermo King, its transport temperature control operations, to Ingersoll-Rand for \$2.56 billion (£1.6 billion) cash. Michael Jordan, the chairman and chief executive of Westinghouse, said: "The divestiture of Thermo King is another important step towards our goal of separation. Our goal has been to create the largest pure-play media company."

### Sara Lee plans buyback

SARA LEE CORPORATION is to divest assets and cut costs to raise \$3 billion cash (£1.8 million) over the next three years. Sara Lee plans to use the proceeds to accelerate the repurchase of its common stock. The programme will result in a charge of about \$1.6 billion in the year to June 1998. Aftertax savings from the restructuring program and cost reduction efforts are estimated to be \$25.\$50 million in the same period.

### Shire research review

SHIRE PHARMACEUTICALS is conducting a review of its research and development spending after its £113 million acquisition of Richwood Pharmaceuticals of the US. Rolf Stahel, chief executive, said the review would assess every drug being developed by the three constituent businesses. Shire dipped into the red with a pre-tax loss of £146,000, after a £2.6 million profit in the first half of last year. R&D spending rose by a third to £10.8 million.

### **Babcock unit to Amec**

AMEC, the construction group, received £4.8 million of assets for only £1 yesterday when it bought the indebted process division of Babcock International, the engineering company. Babcock will pay a one-off charge of £18.6 million on the sale, including writing off assets, El million of goodwill and provisions for contract claims. The division, which had a turnover last year of £42.8 million, will be integrated into AMEC's process and energy business.

### Healthcall declines

HEALTHCALL, the provider of support for GPs, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £2.9 million to £1.6 million in the six months to June 30, on sales down from £28.1 million to £27.4 million. Earnings fell from 3.29 to 1.92p, although the dividend is maintained at 1.65p a share. The group says it has successfully repositioned itself in its marketplace and yesterday announced the £2.4 million acquisition of Inter County Nursing and Care Services.

### Capita in £4m deal

CAPITA, one of the UK's biggest outsourcing companies, is to buy a 60 per cent interest in the Tozer Gallagher partnership. a quantity surveyor and cost consultancy. The deal, worth nearly £4 million, will be funded partly through the issue of about 600,000 Capita shares at 2p each. Tozer Gallagher's clients include British Telecom, British Gas, Sears, and BP. George Kelbie, Tozer Gallagher's senior partner, will join the board of Capita's property services division.

### Cadbury Schweppes dispenses with firm for £800,000

# SodaStream loses its fizz

By Jon Ashworth

SODASTREAM, maker of the home fizzy drinks system, has persuaded its management to "get busy with the fizzy", and buy the business from Cadbury

Schweppes after 12 gaseous years. Cadbury will not say how much it is getting for SodaStream, which it bought in 1985 for £22.5 million. But it admitted that the company's assets are worth about £793,000, suggesting an element of deflation. The management buyout is financed by Foreign & Colonial Ventures and led by Robert Handley, the SodaStream managing director, who has

been with the company since 1983. Teenagers who made themselves ill

drinking carbonated syrup by the bucketload will remember SodaStream with mixed feelings. It was all the rage for a time, but things were never the same after the "great exploding bottle" saga.

SodaStream discovered in 1987 that bottles with its £30 Carnival drinks machine could explode when pumped with carbon dioxide. The fault was traced to heat and pressure weakness in the plastic bottles - attributed to wear and washing in hot water. SodaStream introduced stronger bottles, but the affair did nothing for sales, and cost the company an estimated £2 million.

Prospects are rosier abroad; particularly in Germany, where wannabe milk bar kings delight in high velocity spurts of

gas. The system is also popular in "dry" countries such as Morocco. Algeria and Turkey. The market in the UK peaked in the mid-1980s, just when Cadbury piled in, and has been declining ever since.

David Kappler, group finance director of Cadbury Schweppes, said SodaStream was: "A successful player in the niche home carbonates soft drinks sector." It no longer fitted with Cadbury's mainstream soft drinks franchising and bottling

SodaStream has a surprisingly long pedigree. Founded by Gilbey's Gin in 1903, it was owned, in the 1970s, by Kenwood, which distributed the machines through Thorn Domestic Appliances. Anglia Television later took a stake,

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on his mind. This week the man charged with reshaping City regulation should make the key appointments to his team, and then he pedds to § find somewhere for his burgeoning new proprietations to be the control of the

ing new organisation to make its

home. In between working out where the desks will be and who

will sit at them, he must address the question of what role his NewRo should take in dealing

Although the Square Mile probably has no more than its

air share of morally challenged

individuals, it has a poor record

of bringing them to book. The combination of weak self-regula-tion and a Serious Fraud Office

which has appeared at times to

be something of a serious fraud

itself has conspired to give the impression that the guilty are

going gleefully free.

But it does not need to be so.

Yesterday the SFO secured vic-tory in a hugely complicated case involving the systematic defraud-

ing of banks of many millions of

pounds. The Landhurst Leasing

saga could provide a novelist

with the gist of a best-seller, its

ingredients ranging from a For-mula One racing team to cash-packed briefcases that changed

hands at a motorway service

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THORN, the embattled rent-

als group, faces a potential

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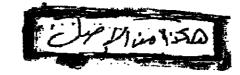
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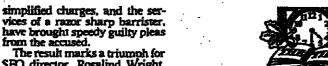
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# Putting more work Howard's way



SFO director, Rosalind Wright, so when she turned up in Cambridge yesterday to address a gathering of the world's experts on traud - policers rather than practitioners - she deserved, and received, full attention.

Ms Wright argued the case for giving NewRo a greater role in dealing with fraud. Although Mr Davies already has a huge task in amalgamating the regulators of the financial world into a single body, if it is to have beefed up powers to detect and punish fraudsters, then now is the time for them to be decided upon. The current distinction between what is criminal, and a

matter for the SFO, and what is merely against the rules, and therefore a matter for the regulatory authorities, is patently producing unsatisfactory results. Apart from the infamous instances such as the Guinness and Maxwell cases, where few would contend that the millions of pounds invested produced anything akin to justice, there are daily instances of fraud being allowed to escape unpunished



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

because of the system. The Stock Exchange is all too well aware that it is being impudently treated as the equivalent of a cash dispenser by a ring of international insider dealers, who appear to be based, appropriately, in Monaco. The sleuths at the Exchange pass on their information to the SFO and go home. The impotence is not self inflicted but the result of a system which insists that insider trading is a criminal offence. Perhaps it would be sensible to give the Exchange more power to penalise insider traders, leaving Ms Wright to concentrate on securing more victories on the Landhurst scale.

Are shares in for a Buffetting?

as the wily Warren Buffett divined the real Buttett divined the real end of the bull market? If Buffett has decided to pull out

of equities and put his money in bonds, then investors every-where should take note. His success in the stock market has made him the second richest man in America, beaten only by Bill Gates. Although dubbed the Forrest Gump of linance for his homespun philosophising, his love of Cherry Cola and his fondness for driving an old Cadillac, he has earned his reputation for spotting the best chocolate in the box when it

comes to stock picking.
He has always insisted that equity investing is for the long term and that he backs good management rather than gam-bles on the short term vagaries of the market But if he had a premonition that the market really was going to crash, even Forrest Gump would have spotted the logic of getting out.

Both in the US and the UK, the

major stocks have been looking perilously over-valued for many months. Perhaps Mr Buffett has

spotted that the turning point has arrived. But the question for investors now is just how far the markets will fall Pessionists will markers will fall Pessimines will point out that the glump that his the US in the 1920s saw the market fall by alfanst 90 percons, to a nadir from which it thak a quarter of a century to recover. If the Sage of Omaha foresees such horror, it might explain why he could be persuaded to back pedal on his complete commitment tribuous term invest-

commitment to long term invest-ment in sound companies. Few are suggesting that the correction will be on that scale. but the over-heating in certain parts of the UK market must presage a cooling down. The fact is that just four major companies have been responsible for so much of the momentum in the

Footsie this year.
Glaxo Wellcome, SmithKline Beecham, Lloyds TSB and HSBC are all sound companies with fine prospects, but they are not miracle workers. Yet they

have been pulling the market up by its bootstraps. Many smaller companies with perfectly good managements have not felt the warm wind which has seen these four leaders sail into the stratosphere. In the past Buffert has argued that you must follow good management. But if he is builing out, the only sensible strategy is to follow.

### Thorn trapped in legal prickles

I f you say it quickly, one billion dollars does not sound all that much. But that is the potential liability lying in wait for Thorn because of the legal actions surrounding its US operation, Rent-A-Center, which is accused of consumer fraud. Panic may not yet be the right reaction. British companies are becoming accustomed to the easy way in which US courts award vast penalties, and unjustified insults, as little more than a try-

on, waiting for a higher court to modify the decision - if not overturn it completely.

But Thorn's legal battle in the US does underline the company's unfortunate history since

gaining independence from

EMI. The expensively or-chestrated split only served to crystallise the problems in the

two groups.
Yesterday, Thorn shares fell nearly a tenth, to 1512p, making the loss of value since the company was demerged almost equal to the potential liabilities from the US hitigation.
Mike Metcalf and the Thorn management desperately need

management desperately need to get a grip on this company. They appear to have little idea of how to turn it around, giving is little less than what was left over after EMI had been erved up to the market as a

But the bidders have yet to emerge and unless Seagram of another contender comes to the shareholders' rescue, the net result of the Thorn EMI demerger will be to burn a £2 billion hole in investors' pockets.

### A taste sensation

A DELIGHTFUL example of corporate governance incorrect-ness from Fortnum & Mason. The annual report points out that four of the six non-executive directors are members of Weston family, headed by ABF boss Garry. Perfectly reasonable. since the family company owns the bulk of the shares in the upmarket store. But you can almost taste the gentleman's relish with which the statement

# Thorn could face \$1bn damages bill after US ruling

The New Jersey action, covering 22 stores, is one of several in which Thorn's Rent-A-Center chain is accused of charging an unfair rate of interest in its rental purchase agreements with customers. In May, for example. Thorn set aside £17.1 million to cover the potential cost of damages after losing a

tary, this page).

However, the company, whose chief executive is Mike case in Minnesota. The New Jersey suit alleges that the company, which "rents to own" household furnishings and appliances, charged its mostly low-income customers exhorbitant rates of

Jersey Superior Court's ruling will not prevail. Jersey ruling had no application beyond the state, pointing out that in states covering 90 cess could take up to a year. ... interest, calculated as 40 per per cent of Thorn customers there was a distinction in law between rental-purchase credit sales, thus removing its

> of legal limits.
> But analysts pointed out that, even in the three states where similar cases are outstanding - Texas, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania - there were almost 200 stores. On the same basis as the New Jersey ruling that would equate to up to \$1 billion.

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A spokesman for Thorn said: "I would say that this is a crude extrapolation in the extreme. There is no precedent of one state following another on the scale of damages."

He added that in Pennsylvania Thorn had come very close to agreeing an out-of-court settlement about 15 months ago at a level of about \$5 million.

### European Leisure enjoys 30%leap in profit

BY DOMINIC WALSH

THE gradual return of European Leisure, the snooker and discotheque group, to financial health continued yester day as it reported a 30 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to E7 million for the year to June 30.

The company, which in March declared its first dividend for six years, is to pay a final dividend to shareholders of 3p on January 5, making 4p for the year. Earnings per share rose 4.4 per cent, from 18.4p to 19.2p.

Ian Rock, chief executive,

described the 12 months to June 30 as "a year of positive progress" for the group, which built up huge debts in the recession and saw two former directors, including Michael Ward, the ex-chairman and chief executive, jailed for fraud.

Mr Rock said that Rileys, the snooker club and pool bars division that raised profits 15 per cent to £3 million, planned to buy a further ten clubs in the current year at an estimated cost of £3 million.

This would take the total to 81. Seven sites are already under negotiation. Maygay. the amusement

machine business, reported profits up 70 per cent to £4.1 million on turnover 47 per cent ahead to £29.2 million. However, bars and disco-

theques saw profits fall from £5.5 million to £4.4 million as several units suffered from new competitors in locations such as Leeds, Cardiff and Portsmouth.

The division's management has been restructured and some sites may be transferred to the Rileys American Pool Bar format.

The effect of October's Ell.4 million rights issue and new bank facilities reduced European Leisure's borrowings from £53.4 million to £39.1 million, equivalent to a cut in gearing from 85 per cent to 49.5 per cent Mr Rock said that current

trading was ahead of last year. The shares rose 10 p to close at 142p. The sbares reached a high of 1952p in March this year.

### Two share £8.1m fee from Cordiant sale By Jason Nissé Cordiant has said the circu-TWO directors of a subsidiary

of Cordiant, the advertising group that is about to reveal details of its demerger, are to share a \$13 million (£8.1 million) sellers' fee from the disposal of the business.

Joseph Farrell and Catherine Paura negotiated the "sellers' fee" in the agreement with Lord Saatchi, who was running Cordiant when it purchased the National Research Group, the film information business that they run, in 1991.

Cordiant sold the operation to VNU, the Dutch publisher, vesterday saying the niche business was "not core to the strategy of the two groups to be formed on demerger".

VNU is paying \$52 million, but only \$39 million of this will go to Cordiant. Even so Cordiant will make a \$27 million profit from the sale.



Lord Saatchi: agreed fee

NRG is based in Los Angeles and London and provides information to film-makers, TV companies and theme park operators about probable audience reactions to new products. Last year the turnover was \$41 million and operating profits \$3.3 million.

lar to shareholders detailing the demerger will be published by the end of this month. But City analysts are questioning whether the advertising group and its advis-ers, SBC Warburg, will be able to meet the deadline. The group will be split into

two quoted advertising companies - Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates - and its mediabuying operation, Zenith, will be owned 50/50 by the two quoted groups. Cordiant is understood to be looking for a buyer for Zenith, but potential purchasers have been concerned about agreements between Zenith and the group's two advertising agencies that appear to bolster Zenith's

Cordiant shares were unchanged at 1192p on the deal.

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### Dividend lifted by 9% at L&M

SHARES in London & Manchester rose 14p to 421 p after the life assurance and financial services group announced it was increasing its interim divi-dend 9 per cent to 7.2p per share (Marianne Curphey writes).

The group has just completed 18 months restructuring of its core home service division, where new industrial branch months to June rose more than 90 per cent.

Analysts were encouraged by the news that the group's estate agency network continued to benefit from the buoyant housing market.

For the group as a whole, premium income was flat, at £153.5 million, down from £154 million the previous year.

# ECC profit lifts shares 30p

By Carl Mortished

SHARES in English China Clays rose 30p, to 263p, yesterday after half-year profits to June 30 improved from £30 million to £48.6 million. Pretax profit rose from £5.7 million to £41.6 million. Last year the minerals group reported a £43 million loss. Dennis Rediker, chief execu-

Appeal hopes: Mike Metcalf, Thorn's chief executive

tive, said: "Most of the profit improvement was from a set of cost-reduction initiatives we set in train late last year." The

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market had provided little help for the company, whose main outlet is minerals and chemicals for the paper indus-try. Volumes of European sourced minerals were up 5 per cent while American and Pacific volumes rose only 3 per cent. However, pricing of ka-olin was still under pressure,

Last March, the company announced a £10 million restructuring charge and an £85

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million writedown of its assets, chiefly the Middle Georgia kaolin reserves. Margins in Europe improved sharply to 16 per cent from 11 per cent, while the return on sales from speciality chemicals rose to almost 10 per cent from I per cent but margins in the Americas rose by less than I per cent to 8.6 per cent. The interim dividend stays at 5.5p.

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# Shares climb after Laporte shake-up

By PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Laporte jumped 30p to 706 p as the chemicals company reported that its half-year results showed a 21 per cent improvement in the underlying profitability of continuing business.

Laporte has just completed a radical shake-up, which has involved shedding about 2,500 staff and cutting the number of its operating sites by 40 per cent. One-off charges from the restructuring, mainly stemming from previously written off goodwill, meant the com-pany made a pre-tax profit of £38.7 million (£36.4 million).

Ignoring exceptional items

and adjusting for currency

fluctuations, Laporte said that

continuing businesses

made £60.4 million in the six months to June 30, up from £54.3 million in the corresponding period last year. The group also received a £5.7 million contribution from businesses it has since sold, led by its adhesives and seal-Jim Leng, chief executive,

under the restructuring. The £83 million received month for its remaining US adhesives business gives Laporte more than £100 million to back its acquisition plans. Laporte is paying an interim dividend of 9p a share, a 6 per cent increase. It will be paid as a foreign income dividend on

said the key was to draw a line

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# **Excitement over Energis** boosts National Grid

best performer among the top 100 companies as City brokers went in search of hidden value. It ended 10p dearer at 274p in heavy turnover that saw more than six million shares change hands.

The reason for the excitement was Energis, the group's telecom subsidiary, which has just signed a supply agree-ment with Northern Telecom of Canada that will benefit both companies while cutting costs for customers.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, reiterated its "buy" stance on the shares. It says demerging Energis will unlock value that could be worth between 29p and 59p a share. Angelos Anastasiou, of

Laing, says Energis is worth up to El billion. but none of this is reflected in the Grid's present rating. Meanwhile, the mainstream operation is doing well and should be more than capable of delivering 5 per cent real dividend growth a year.

The rest of the equity market took its lead from Friday's late raily by Wall Street. Instead of testing the 4,800 support level prices were squeezed higher in thin trading before eventually breaching the 4,900 mark again to close at their best of the day.

The FTSE 100 index matched an opening rise of more than 50 points by the Dow Jones industrial average to close 54.7 up at 4,902.9. But turnover was low with just 586 million shares traded in spite of a steady stream of results.

P&O rose |312p to 6812p cheered by reports that it was in talks with a property company over the sale of the Arndale Centre in Manchester. The group's Bovis Homes is also linking with Alfred McAlpine, up 2 p to 140p, and Bryant Homes, Ip dearer at 122p, to build homes in Cambridgeshire.

BG was a firm market ahead of second-quarter figures tomorrow, with the price rising 320 to 270p. Reports claim the group may be contemplating a £1 billion windfall for shareholders accompanying the figures. This may take the shape of a share split and buyback, or a straight 38p special dividend.

BG is expected to reveal net income static at £63 million. but after taking in the windfall levy of £514 million the outcome is expected to be a deficit of E32 million. The payout will



Sir John Hall, of Newcastle United, left, with Alan Shearer

be halved to 3.2p after being rebased following the demerger with Centrica.

Sears held steady at 59p amid reports that its long awaited break-up was being contemplated. The board is expected to meet this week to discuss the hiving off of its loss-making British Shoe

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356½ p before losing the lead to close 12p down on the day at 352p. Once again there has been talk that Bass, 22p firmer at 830p, might be poised to bid. But poised to bid. But Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, says there is something wrong at Rank and the shares are a "sell". It is worried about

deteriorating cashflows and

	20 million to £336
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VODAFONE nudged to-wards its high, with a rise of 10p to 3172 p. Yamaichi is a buyer, along with Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch. Vodafone met brokers this month to give an update on the rebranding

reorganisation started in July. Third-quarter figures should show a sharp improvement, with 100,000 extra subscribers.

Richard Jones, Yamaichi, says: "We would recommend the mobile operators over the fixed-line companies. They do not suffer erosion from competition and the constant implementation of new technology." Vodafone and Orange

enjoy the best growth among the mobile operators, while Cellnet continues to struggle. "Selectivity is the key. Its definitely a stockpickers sector at the moment," adds Jones.

On his "buy" list are Vodafone, Orange, Ip firmer at 218p. Among the fixedline operators he plumps for Cable & Wireless, up 2½p at 522½p, and Cable & Wireless Communications, down L3p to 242p after a large advertising spend.

22 p after warning that results for the year to May, would be substantially below expectations. The group has returned to the black in the first quarter of the current year. The new management has implemented controls and made provisions. It has also contacted its lawvers.

There seems no respite for shareholders of La Senza, the troubled lingerie retailer that came to market last year at a heady 150p a share. Yesterday the price fell a further 6p to a fresh low of 26's p as the City continued to reflect on recent poor figures.

the media consultancy headed Sir Tim Bell, rose 4p to 44 p. Weekend reports suggest he is about to move back into advertising with the acquisi-tion of Howell Henry Chaldecott. It is believed Chime is ready to offer £20 million for the business.

Sir John Hall is retiring as chairman of Newcastle United, down 12p at 1232p. He became chairman six years ago and brought Kevin Keegan to the club to revive its fortunes. But he did not retain a seat on the board after the club's stock market floatation earlier this year.

In spite of a half-year drop in profits two directors at Healthcall have been adding to their holdings. As the price shied lp to 582p Christopher Stewart Smith, chairman, bought 250,000 shares at 59p, bringing his total holding to 350.000 shares (less than I per cent), while Maurice Henchey picked up 200,000 bringing his stake to 6.3 million, or 11.37

per cent.

GILT-EDGED: Friday's late rally by US Treasury bonds set the tone for a solid performance by bond prices in London. Gains stretched to £5 at the longer end enabling them to outperform other Continental markets.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the Long Gilt put on £3 at £1151316, as 52,000 contracts were completed.Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £12 to £111%, while among shorter dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent was Els firmer at

£[03116. □ NEW YORK: Stocks rose gently by midday in steady, subdued trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.57 points at 7,771.54.

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# **TEMPUS**

# Paper-thin returns

CWC is taking no chances.

Such conservatism merely

reflects the rapid pace of

change in this industry, but

CWC's action should have

expensive ramifications for

four parts of CWC have been

hammered into shape and

the UK's largest cable com-

pany is ready to move for-

Since it floated in April the

other cable companies.

ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS promised and it has delivered. But the one thing the market wants from ECC is escape from kaolin, and that is not on the cards. The new chief executive, Dennis Rediker, has shed jobs and written £85 million of assets from the books. Halfway through achieving the planned E30 million of cost savings, ECC's profitability is well ahead of expectations. The share price responded accordingly but the question is whether the company can achieve a high enough return on investment in this cyclical and capital-intensive industry.

Competition from other kaolin producers and substitution of calcium carbonate is eroding prices, raising the probability that a good portion of the cost-saving will end up in the pockets of ECC's customers, rather than its shareholders. If ECC can make 585 million this

year, its return on capital employed will be a mere 14 per cent. Add back the E85 million write-downs and the return falls to 12 per cent, but the company should be earning 20 per cent or more at the peak of the cycle.

This group is not just dependent but virtually impaled on the paper cycle, and without a means of escape the shares will retain their discount rating. While volumes edge upwards, new production in Latin America threatens margins. The new management's sterling efforts have restored profits in the chemicals division, which raises the interesting question as to whether ECC will be tempted to buy in order to reduce dependence on kaolin. Past extravagances may cause the market to fear such a move, but Mr Rediker has done well cleaning up the mess left by his predecessor. and he should not be deterred.

ward. Despite all the publici-ty, all CWC has achieved is a

place on the starting blocks.

With the backing of its parent, Cable & Wireless, CWC could be the company

that finally wraps Britain up in profitable cables. But the

City will want to see the

numbers before it plans cele-

brations, and that will take at

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### CWC

CABLE & WIRELESS Communications knows how to make a splash — a huge yellow splash that spread over yesterday's national press in one of the biggest advertising campaigns to be launched in the UK. Curious, then, that the City should have reacted negatively to what may turn out to be the first effective marketing campaign launched by the cable industry. In retro spect, the 13p share price fall to 242p may have had more to do with restructuring charges totalled £200 million and £500 million in balance sheet adjustments - than a comment on CWC's strategy.

The £185 million writedowns on the existing analog cable network come as a shock — the equipment is relatively new, but with the arrival of digital technology

INCHCAPE'S decision to

overhaul its marketing busi-

ness is long overdue. Trading

in Timberland boots and

Ferragamo ties, the market-

ing arm is less successful

than the big brand names in

which it deals. Returns on net

assets have been too low for

years, falling to only 8 per

cent last time. By taking a £55

million hit this year, the

group expects to reduce mar-

keting sales by a third and

assets by 16 per cent. And hey

presto! It should immediately

earn its threshold minimum

return of 15 per cent. Philip

Cushing, chief executive,

blames the delay in getting to

grips with marketing on the

more pressing problems with

the much larger motor im-

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ness. There, first-half profits

were up a further 15 per cent

at £60.8 million. Excellent

sales of R-registration cars in

the UK should help Incheape

Incheape has great ambi-

to sustain this performance.

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WHERE IS THE COMMUNICATION?

tions for its Coca-Cola bottling business. It is making strong progress in Chile and has moved into profit in Peru, but Russia is proving to be slower going. Incheape is confident that

the economic turmoil in Malaysia and Thailand will not damage business in Hong Kong and Singapore. Over the next few months that fear is likely to dog the shares, but the group is otherwise making a good start to its

### Cordiant

THE demerger of Cordiant into its constituent parts — Saatchi & Saatchi in one company, the Bates network in another and Zenith uncomfortably straddling the two was supposed to add value to the empire. But, as the demerger document is expected to show when it is eventually published at the end of this month, creating two quoted companies will add to the group's already

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high overheads. To make this deal work Cordiant's management has to prove there is value hidden in the holding company, and yesterday they succeeded in doing just that, albeit in a small way.

National Research Group was bought in Charles and Maurice Saatchi's expansionist era for just \$12 million. Yesterday it was sold for more than four times that, though there is a kicker to the group's founders and Cordant's profit is just \$27 million. Alas this may be the end of the fun. Close study of the demerger document will probably reveal that Zenith makes no money and attempts to sell it may be fraught with difficulty. The fall of more than 10 per cent in Cordiant shares since the demerger was announced appears well justified. Unless there are some nice surprises in the demerger document. Cordiant shares are no better than a hold.

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The annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank always promise so much and yet yield apparently so little. Speecher burst with intention, but progress is rarely more than incremental. and often less. The Bretton Woods institutions, set up with the worthiest of intentions at the end of the Second World War as police-man of the world's financial system and midwife of economic development, often look like cumbersome anachronisms in a global economy dominated by the whim

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of private capital. And yet politicians and finance ministers the world over still look to the IMF in particular for answers to the crisis that the world of free capital throws up at alarmingly irregular intervals.

The recent (continuing) turnoil in East Asian currency and stock markets provides the most de-

Moral hazards of saving sick economies munding of backdrops to the fund's annual gathering and fo-cuses attention on what part.

exactly, the IMF is expected to

The IMF's role in the current crisis has been to piece together a stabilisation package for Thailand that includes the tough conditions for economic good behaviour and reform now long associated with the fund's approach to these matters. Two years ago, the IMF husbanded a similar rescue pack-age for Mexico that saw a catastrophic collapse in the pesa as private investors woke up to the risks in the small print of glossy on both occasions, the IMF

insists that it properly played its

role as an early warning system, urging the respective govern-ments to change their economic policies. There was, at the time, some scepticism in the case of Mexico, but it is clear that the fund had long been badgering Bangkok. But as officials have insisted repeatedly in recent weeks, you can tell a government to go to the corrective waterhole

but you cannot make it drink. Much retrospective ringing of hands will go on in Hong Kong as the course of recent events is picked over to identify lessons for the future. But some fundamental questions ought to be asked — the most important being should the fund be in the business of bailing out governments that have mis-



there is a huge element of moral hazard here?

Central bankers have always talked about the IMF coming to the rescue when an isolated case of confidence spreads throughout its geographical region and beyond and threatens systemic risk to the world financial system. And yet did either Mexico or Thailand pose systemic risk? In the case or Mexico, the contagion did take hold in many parts of Latin America, but less so for those se systemic risk? In the case of countries with stronger economic fundamentals. And in the end, a massive drop in the peso carried the seeds of Mexico's eventual recovery. The same is likely to be true of East Asia. Thailand has been well and truly punished by the markets for its profligacy. Singapore and Hong Kong less so because they are much more sound and better-managed

The counter-argument.

standing ready with cash for these countries in crisis, the loss of confidence would have spread far more dangerously. But, even then, is the fund the right firelighter? In the cases of Mexico and Thailand,

In Mexico's case, the Group of Seven governments — apart from the US — were not interested in compressing their own deficit reduction efforts to bail out a country that had simply broken the international economic rules. But, fresh from the public relafions triumph of setting up the Natia free trade area with Mexico

and Canada, President Clinton

the region that argued for a rescue

package and then put up most of

forced Congress to come up with the money. More recently, it was Japan that put up most of the money for Thailand while insisting on an IMF framework.

Surely the rational response to financial contagion is for those that are most likely to fall sick by association to pay for their own

This is an argument vehemently opposed in Europe, presumably mindful of the vulnerability of its own economic backyard to the East, Russia and much of the rest just as subject as Latin America is (and more so than East Asia) to the sudden pullout of faddish investment money when things start to

How much better, then, for the IMF, but the quid pro quo is having to pay up for financial earthquakes far from home.

# Dalgety shows what to do with ingredients of a dog's dinner

Jon Ashworth

and Sarah

Cunningham track the

company's tribulations

hree glorious years ago, Dalgety was all about Golden Wonder crisps and pot noodles, Spillers perfood, and Homepride sauces and flour. Today, the crisps, noodles and sauces have gone and are soon to be followed by the flour. Luckless investors have been left picking through the husks. The past year has brought two profits warnings, resignations, and a share price that has underperformed the market by about 40 per cent. Felix and Arthur are fast running out of

Were it not for tinned catfood - with Felix in particular a consistent good seller - things would be even worse for Dalgety. In a fresh effort to reinvent itself, the group yesterday announced a raft of changes, including the sale of its US distribution arm and its ingredients and milling business and the return of £200

million to shareholders. Richard Clothier, the chief prized out, handing on to Ken Hanna, who joined as finance director in March, fresh from United Distillers, the spirits group. The new Dalgety is still, Hanna admits, an unlikely mixture of petfood, agriculture and pig breeding. Despite the promise of returning cash to shareholders, the shares ticked up only 2 p vesterday, to 2742 p

- hardly a vote of confidence. Things looked altogether more favourable in the autumn of 1994. Then, an upbeat Clothier was in the thick of a disposals spree, intent on focusing Dalgery on core businesses such as perfood and

agriculture. His efforts were aimed at undoing the horrors of the 1980s, which saw Dalgety wal-lowing in a mass of ill-conceived diversifications. From its 19th century roots in Australian agriculture, the company had grown to embrace a hodgepodge of businesses, from fro-zen food on the US West coast and timber in Canada, to pig breeding and cocoa trading in Europe. City wags had a fun time, dubbing the company



Felix has been a consistent good seller for Dalgety, but even its future as part of the company's portfolio is in doubt

Dull-getty. Others preferred Dull and Grotty.

The task of reforming Dalgety was initiated in the late-1980s by Maurice Warren. then chief executive and later chairman, who passed the baton to Clothier when the latter became chief executive in 1993. He got off to a good start, and the shares, at 407p in January 1995, were described as "underenthusiastic analysts.

A key event came in February 1995, when Dalgety announced the £442 million purchase of Quaker Oats' European petfood business. To help to fund the deal, the company launched a one-for-four rights issue at 33Sp a share to raise £168 million, and put Golden Wonder and Homepride up for sale. The City hailed the Quaker deal as Dalgety's most strategically crucial acquisition in 15 years. It largely completed the company's transformation from a disparate group of agricultural and resources businesses to one focused on animal feeds and pig breeding.

food ingredients, and petfoods.

The deal lifted Dalgety's share of the European petfood market from 8 per cent to 21 per cent, bringing Felix and Fido into the family, alongside Arthur catfood and Winalot dogfood, and turning up the heat on Mars, which commanded the field with Whiskas and Pedigree Chum.

Quips about "bringing home the bacon" followed soon afterwards, as Dalgety paid £17 million for National Pig Development Company, a pig breeder famous for its lean boars. There was a clear strategic fit in every sense - with Dalgety's Pig Improvement Company, famed for its fecund sows.

Getting rid of Golden Wonder - then led by Jack Rowell, who is now better known as former manager of the England rugby side - took longer

finally offloaded the pot noodle side of things to CPC International, the American company behind Marmite and Bovril. Homepride cooking sauces went to Campbell Soup. The cracks in the strategy began to appear in September 1995, when Dalgery disclosed that the cost of integrating Quaker petfoods had spiralled by about 30 per cent. The cost of provi-



Richard Clothier said: "There are no sacred cows"

sition had increased from £45 million to £60 million. The crisps side of Golden Wonder was sold to management for £54.6 million in October 1995, in a deal backed by Legal & General Ventures. The disposals came close to raising the £300 million required to offset the Quaker deal. Further financial cracks began to appear, with talk of

> million), at the bottom end of analysts' forecasts. bovine Then came spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), otherwise known as "mad cow" disease. Fears that eating beef could lead to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans took its toll of dairy and animal feed companies. with Dalgety among the main losers. In March 1996, the European Union banned ex-ports of British beef, prompting Dalgety to issue a BSE-related profits warning. The scare cost it £25 million.

milling businesses. Job cuts

took two managers hostage, in

protest at plans to close the site.

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1995 fell to £47 million (£61

One can only imagine the consternation when in The Netherlands 330 cats died and dozens more became sick after tucking into Spillers petfood. It transpired that the food had been accidentally contaminated by an antibiotic, and was not a manifestation of "mad cat" £78,000 in compensation.

By early 1997, jokes about going to the dogs and dog's dinner" had become commonplace, Sales of carrie feed fell 30 per cent on the back of the BSE scare. Hanna joined the fold; taking his place alongside Sir Denys Henderson, who succeeded Warren as chairman. In May came the first of two surprise profits warnings, pointing the finger of blame at petfood production, BSE, and the strength of sterling. Nigel Garrow resigned as chief executive of the petfood division. The dividend was to be cut by a third. The shares plunged 41 p to 269p, their lowest since 1988.

Two months later, in July. came the second profits warning. Everything from too much rain to cheap imported fertilisers was raked up this time, leaving the shares 39p lower at 222p. There was to be a "fundamental review" of operations, led by Bain & Co. the

management consultants. Clothier put on a brave face. "There are no sacred cows," he said. "We must have a thorough look at the options that we have to improve shareholder value." Now he too has gone,

leaving Felix and Arthur dangling by their claws. According to Sir Denys, Clothier left the company a disappointed man. Although he will have his payoff, proba-bly of £600,000 plus pension rights, to comfort him, he will

not be able to see the company And although Hanna still were rife. In January 1996, staff has great hopes for turning the company round, what comes next for Dalgety is largely out at a petfood factory in France of his hands. It will be up to other companies to bid for the Pre-tax profits in the six divisions put up for sale and then, possibly, for what is left of the group.

The ingredients and US distribution arms were selected for sale because they will be the easiest to unload. The pigs business, whose success is largely credited to Clothier, is described by Sir Denys rather improbably — as Dal-gety's "hidden jewel". The agriculture business will remain difficult, and petfoods - Daigety's core - is attractive for its size and some of its brands, if not for its profitability.

Even though it will still be a rather unwieldy clutch of businesses, the feeling is that a much smaller Dalgety could attract a number of possible buyers willing to pay a reasonable premium. This would not only please shareholders, but would also end, once and for all, the temptation to call it a dog's dinner of a group.

### Why the City is a great place to work but not such a great place to live

From Mr Trevor Wheeler Sir. The City editor was quite correct when she identified the Corporation of London's main functions as that of planning, policing and public relations (Commentary, September 3). City planning in the Square Mile, however, is no trivial pursuit — it generates considerable revenues for the

Corporation. The Government's Green Paper called for a review of the franchise of the Square Mile so it more accurately represented the interests of its various occupants, business and residential.

As someone who lives and works in the City I can assure the City editor that business residents do not need further representation. Everyone in the Square Mile knows that money does not talk, it

The corporation's plan to give firms votes tied to the rateable value of their properties is a typically cynical manoeuvre to secure and en-

hance that rateable value and pitch private residents even further down the line.

The corporation's assurances, however, that creating a new class of business voter will not reduce the power of private residents does have a ring of truth about it - quite simply because it could not get any lower. The City planning department's decisions, where the interests of private and business residents are in conflict, testify to this fact. The corporation has even shown itself willing to ignore its own planning policies, specifically designed to protect residents. in order to acquiesce to the demands of business - and rateable value.

The Square Mile is a great place to work. Regrettably, due to the priorities of the Corporation of London, it is not such a great place to live. Yours faithfully TREVOR WHEELER. 310 Seddon House. Barbican.

### Critique of corporate charity was distorted

From the Chairman, Cadbury Schwepper

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# Sharing pain

choice of chairmanships since he broke loose from ICI has been mixed. Rank Group has not been a pleasant experience; come back Michael Gifford, all is forgiven. But shareholders at Dalgety, where he took over as chairman at the start of the year, will be happy to know that he shares some of their pain - even if it is too early to blame it on him.

Before he became chairman he bought shares at 335p. Since then he has bought more at 316p and then at



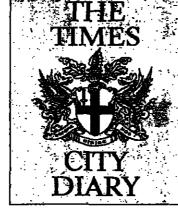
on Sir Denys Henderson's mind

27412 p. But it is the figure of 335p which is "imprinted on my mind," he says. Not only on yours, Sir Denys.

 BARCLAYS BANK has launched a series of advertisements about the euro and the need for business to keep up. The ads feature dogs at the racetrack, with the British bulldog trailing the rest. A call to the bank, asking if Barclays wanted to book the ads into one journal, seems to have got the wrong end of the stick. It came from the Racing Post.

### Crossed lines

A MOST peculiar row has blown up over the £50 million campaign launched yesterday to persuade us all that Cable & Wireless should be called Cable & Wireless Communications — I think I have got that right. Something called Swiftcall is claiming "bully boy" tactics have swept its own ads off the printed page. These claims are somewhat weakened by the appearance on page 16 of The Times yesterday of a black and white ad for, well, Swiftcall. But I persevere. C&W is having a bad telephone day, but at last I get through. The distinctive yellow ads were booked four months ago in complete secrecy.



and covered all the colour space in the national press. "Nobody else can have any colour advertising - it doesn't matter if they are a telecoms company or Bird's Eye."

Swiftcall singles out the normally blameless Evening Standard for having bounced its ads in favour of C&W's. Zoe Bartlett at the paper's display ad department refuses to confirm or deny this, for reasons of com-mercial confidentiality. A colleague is less guarded. "That's what hap-pened. We weren't allowed to carry any other telecoms advertising. It was part of the deal that was set up."

 UNLUCKIEST traveller on British Airways has to be Brett Ainsworth, whose regular journeys to the Far

East take him from Manchester to wait at Terminal 3. BA has lost his luggage on five consecutive flights, and has just had to offer him a free ticket. "Heathrow is like a black hole or the Bermuda Triangle -- things disappear," says Ainsworth.

### Food for thought

I MAY be spoiling the surprise, but I hear one of the City's best-known analysts will be celebrating 20 years in the job at a special lunch later this year. This is how long food analyst David Lang has been publishing his monthly Consumer Brief for Henderson Crosthwaite. The bash is planned for colleagues and various captains of the food industry. Lang's loyalty must have been stretched by umpteen offers from bigger and richer brokers. which says something in these days of multimillion hirings.

My favourite Lang story concerns the time he bumped into a well-known food retailer and they swapped job titles. He was rewarded with a lecture about the lack of additives in the food on said retailer's shelves. After a while the speech on E numbers and the like seemed to go beyond the purely conversational and enter the realms of the obsessive. At last the retailer wandered off. A bemused Lang finally realised he had been taken for a food analyst - that is, one who carries out detailed chemical analysis of the stuff.

### Candle vigil

I HAVE no idea whether he is any good, or if he has anything to do with that "artist" who likes to cover monuments in plastic. But go along to the sanctuary at St Giles in the Barbican on Saturday night and you can find out. The Corporation of London is sponsoring an arts festival and bringing in the Bulgarian artist Dobri Dobrev. He specialises in fire drawings and will be creating an image of an angel out of 3,000-plus candles. Passers-by will help to light them all.

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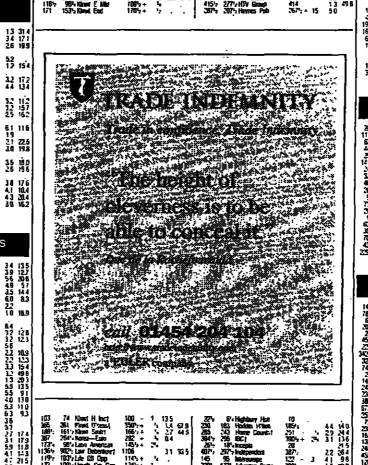
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### Hunting steps up aviation disposals

By CHRIS AYRES

HUNTING, the diversified defence group that manages Britain's nuclear weapons, returned to the black in the six months to June 30, as it stepped up plans to pull out of disastrous aviation operations.

The company, which blamed last year's plunge into the red on write-offs of £40 million related to its airline interiors business. yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £21 million, compared with a loss of £14 Hunting said it would

continue to make disposals in its aviation division. while growing its oil operations through acquisitions. Ken Miller, Hunting's executive, said: "Some of our aviation businesses have potential, but we can stay with them or use the money raised from their sale to develop elsewhere. There have been greater returns and a better looking future in oil than in aviation.

"We have sold three of our 16 aviation business so far and we aim to sell more, but not all of them. The E4 million already raised will be a relatively small amount of the total raised. I can't give details of a disposal programme because it would not be fair on our employees."

A strong performance in Hunting's oil division, in spite of the strength of sterling, helped to boost turnover more than 14 per cent, from £628 million to E717 million. Losses per share of 25p were translat-

ed into earnings of 8.7p.

The defence division continued to attract strong orders, with its Atomic Weapons Establishment management contract and its work on the Apache helicopter providing a steady turnover. An interim dividend of 3p (nil) will be paid on November 17.

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Stretched: Cameron McLatchie, chairman and chief executive of British Polythene Industries, reported a fall in group pre-tax profits from £14.2 million to £11.1 million in the six months to June. 30. Shares in the paper and packaging

group fell from 5212p to 4832p. The profit fall was blamed on previously anticipated restructuring costs and shortterm losses of £3 million. Sales increased 12 per cent to £223 million. Earnings per margins in stretchwrap and fre share fell to 18.44p (23.21p), but the overcapacity in the flexibles business.

dividend rises to 6.5p, from 6.25p last time. The company said that most of its core businesses were performing well. but it was suffering from depressed margins in stretchwrap and from

# **BBA** sells Trench to managers for £164m

BBA GROUP, the engineering company, has sold Haefely Trench, its electrical components business, for £164 million to a management buyout team backed by CVC Capital Partners.

The disposal is part of a strategy put in place by Roberto Quarta, chief executive, to transform BBA from a diverse grouping of businesses into an engineering group focused on high-margin activities.

The other main business likely to be sold is Ajax Magnethermic, which makes induction furnaces for the smelting industry. Analysts

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had put a combined price tag of between £220 million and £250 million on Haefely Trench and Ajax Magnether

Mr Quarta said yesterday: During the last 12 months BBA has carried out a strategic review of the business and as a result has decided to focus its development on growing the three core businesses of friction, non-woven textiles and aviation."

The friction division, which is Europe's leading car brakepad maker, was bolstered recently by the acquisition of a German railway friction materials group. Proceeds from

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the sale of Haefely Trench are likely to fund growth of the core divisions.

Haefely Trench, which is to be renamed the Trench Group, is a leading player in high-voltage technology, supplying electrical components to the likes of Siemens, GEC Alsthom and ABB. It made a pre-tax profit of

£17.5 million last year and employs 1,500 staff in its operations in Canada, Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, China and America. Heading the management team is Ron Montgomery. president and chief executive officer of Trench. CVC, which

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in May backed a £20 million buyout of BBA's sealant applicators business, has put together a total funding package worth £205 million, including £55 million of its own money. underwritten by Credit Suisse

First Boston. Marc Boughton, of CVC, who is to join the Trench board, said that the aim was to expand rapidly through acquisition before seeking a listing in three to four years' time, probably in either Switzerland or America. He said that expansion into further Far Eastern countries along the lines of its joint ventures in China and India is possible.

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### T&S to take over M&W for £43m

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE UK's largest chain of convenience stores is to be created after the £42.8 million takeover of M&W by T&S Stores, announced yesterday.

The West Midlands retailer is offering 255p cash for each M&W share, which yesterday soared from 1742p to 2472p. M&W revealed on September 2 that it was in bid talks. T&S shares slipped 3p to 182p.

Michael Weston, the non executive chairman of M&W holds 712,500 shares in his own name and a further 1.096 million non-beneficially. His personal holding is worth £1.8 million at yesterday's bid price. M&W's founding families, the Misselbrooks and the Westons. own 52 per cent of the shares.

T&S said the acquisition presents "an excellent geographic and operational fit with the T&S business and the acquisition will create the largest company owned and managed convenience store estate in the UK". T&S operates more than 800 shops, comprising 296 convenience stores, 324 news-agents and 183 high street discount stores, while M&W owns and operates 179 convenience stores.

The acquisition is expected to generate significant cost savings and economies of scale in distribution, purchasing, marketing and promotion for T&S. It is expected to be earnings enhancing in the next full year of trading, which begins on

December 28. Kevin Threlfall. T&S chair-man, said: "The acquisition represents a strategic opportu-nity to accelerate the planned expansion programme by approximately two years." T&S said its offer is equiva-

lent to a cost of approximately 2239,000 per M&W store, which is broadly in line with the cost invested per store under the T&S organic growth programme. T&S also reported an increase in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 28, to E10.3 million. from E8.8 million in the previous year. The interim dividend rises to 3.25p from 3p out of earnings up from 8.83p to 9.51p.

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### Sappi pays \$746m for Dutch group

SAPPI, the South African pulp and paper group, is paying \$746 million (£405 million) for KNP Leykam, a Dutch producer of coated woodfree and lightweight coated paper. The deal lifts Sappi's share of the European coated woodfreemarket from 7 per cent to 22 per cent and consolidates its place as the world's largest producer of coated woodfree. paper. The company emerged as a global player in 1993, when it paid \$1.6 billion for a majority stake in SD Warren.

one of America's leading paper groups.

NV Koninklijke KNP BT, the company selling KNP Leykam, is being paid in Sappi shares and zero coupon notes. netting it a 15 per cent stake in Sappi. The deal is a significant netting it a 15 per cent stake in Sappi. The deal is a significant step in the consolidation of the European paper industry. Eugene van As, chairman of Sappi. said: "The European coated woodfree market is very fragmented and has had excess manufacturing capacity for some time."

### SCi in the black

SCI ENTERTAINMENT, the entertainment software group that makes the Carmageddon game, turned round from a £4.3 million loss to a £1.42 million profit in the year to June 30, on sales up from EI.07 million to E5.14 million. A loss per share of 46.83p was turned round to earnings of 10.69p. As stated in the prospectus produced for the AIM listing there will be no dividend for the year. SCi says Carmageddon has sold well and that a number of games are progressing well for release in the year ending June 1999. The shares fell 1½p to 165p.

### Chiroscience's US link

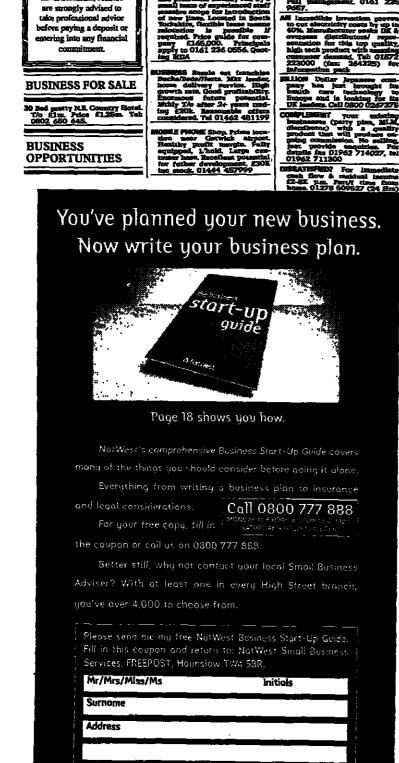
CHIROSCIENCE, the pharmaceutical group, has linked its Darwin Molecular subsidiary with Geron of California to collaborate on diseases associated with the ageing process. Both companies are hoping to capitalise on Darwin's discovery of the Werner's Syndrome gene, the first discovered human gene that directly affects the ageing process. The gene for the rare Werner's hereditary disease causes patients to show signs of premature ageing. Shares in Chiroscience rose 5p to 272½ p on the announcement.

### **Pound hits Yorkshire**

YORKSHIRE GROUP, the specialist chemical company. suffered a £1.3 million fall in pre-tax profits, to £5.5 million, in the six months to June 30, on sales down from £67.7 million to £65.7 million. The strong pound was blamed for the loss of £1.75 million in profit and the loss of underlying sales growth of £5.5 per cent. Earnings per share fell from 10.6p to 8.6p, but the dividend rises 5.2 per cent to 3.05p. Stuart Wallis, the chairman, said that since mid-May orders for dyestuffs had risen sharply and the indications were that this would continue.

### Regional paper sales up

REGIONAL newspapers are fighting back against declining sales. The Audit Bureau of Circulations and the Newspaper Society, which represents the local and regional press, said yesterday that more than half of all regional newspapers increased their circulations in the first six months of this year. In January to June 53 per cent of regional titles increased their circulations, compared with 41 per cent last year. The figure was about 29 per cent in 1995.



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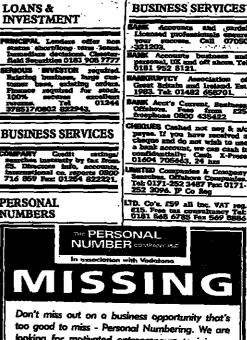
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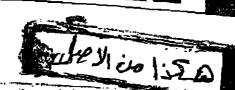
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support a minimum wage of 13 an hour, and the number opposing £4 an hour has slipped to 50 per cent. seven percentage points less than the figure that was recorded when NatWest Bank last carried out a survey on the issue three years

The latest study, which was Research Trust, a unit of the Open University, shows that approxi-mately one firm in three is actually in favour of a £4-an-hour min-

Peter Ibbetson, the head of small business services for NatWest, says: "It does not come as a shock to learn that three quarters of small firms that currently employ staff at less than \$4 an hour oppose a minimum wage at this level. Only one in five small

firms is opposed to a minimum

wage of £3."
Only 9 per cent of firms surveyed employed anyone at less than £3 an hour. However, of the 10,000 employees covered in the survey. 21 per cent earned less than £4 an hour. Almost two thirds were women and nearly half were parttime workers. About a fifth of small businesses

claimed that they would employ fewer people if a E4 minimum wage were introduced. Some firms that did not pay anyone less than £4 said that they would lay off staff because a minimum wage would force them to raise pay for higher-paid workers in order to maintain

The research also revealed a continuing lack of confidence among small businesses. Fewer than half reported higher turnover in the second quarter, compared with a year ago, and a majority expected poorer sales during the

Fewer than a quarter had increased their investment.

### BRIEFINGS

IMPORT & EXPORT

The 11th edition of the Lloyd's Bank Small Business Guide, by Sara Williams, widely regarded as the best guide to setting up and running a business, will be published by Penguin on September 25, priced at E12. The new edition assesses the implications of a



being your own boss — having no one to sack as a scapegoat!"

Labour Government and incorpo rates tax changes made by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the summer Budget.

☐ A warning to franchisees that they may be breaching the Data Protection Act 1984 has been issued by Elizabeth France, Data Protection Registrar. She says that any organisation processing personal information on computer is obliged to register. Guidance notes are free from the publications office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

☐ A guide to selling a business has been issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. It is aimed at entrepreneurs and family firms and has been written by Howard Leigh, of Cavendish Corporate Finance. Copies are £5 from Peter Mayatt, PO Box 433, Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2

Jessica Gorst-Williams looks at furniture-makers large and small





# Family beats economic chill with style

EDWARD BRETT, the 58-yearold head of Arthur Brett, a furniture manufacturer based in Norwich, says that "furnituremaking is a bug and once it is in the blood you cannot get it out of the system".

Mr Brett is the fifth generation of his family involved in making fine traditional English furniture. it all started with John Brett, a chairmaker, who was born in 1815. His son, Jonathan, established the family business that is now world renowned, particularly for pieces in the styles of Sheraton, Chippendale and Hepplewhite. Turnover is around £3.5 million and the firm employs 85 people.

The cornerstone of the business remains individual craftsmanship. To ensure that skills are passed down the generations, Arthur Brett has its own unique four-year apprenticeship.

However, machines play a part in cutting down drudgery, speeding up the work and saving on mess. These range from the main lathe, which has been in use since 1961, to a state-of-the-art £80,000 CNC router with sharp overhead

cutters operated by a computer program, which assists shaping and profiling work.

Most sales are from the standard range and take eight to ten weeks to delivery. Specially commissioned pieces can take up to six months. Notable commissions include replicas for Christie's of its Chippendale auctioneer's rostrum and conference tables for the Bank of England, the Crown Estate

NICOLA ADAMSON, 26, and

Hamish Low, 35, have blended

their talents to form a small

furniture-making business, The Furniture Works, at Horsmon-

The couple met at Parnham

House, in Dorset, where Miss

Adamson was studying design

and Mr Low was working as

cabinet-maker and head crafts-

Mr Low admits that the idea of

setting up a business alarmed him, but Miss Adamson correctly

man for John Makeoeace.

Commissioners and a Gulf Cooperation Council meeting in

Mr Brett quotes a 10ft plain dining table of Sheraton design, with no inlays, two pedestals, plus two leaves, as retailing at £4,108, including VAT. For this, machin-ing will take about 20 hours, cabinet-making 20 hours and plain-top polishing 18 to 20 hours. Mr Brett said: "The very nature

Couple carve venture from wood

surmised that the combination of

her design talent and adminis-trative skills and his craftsman-

ship had the makings of a su-

ccessful business. She set up the

framework of the business by her-

self, renting a workshop on a light

That was in 1992. Their first

commission was from a family

friend. Since then work has come

by word of mouth. Their only

advertising is in the parish maga-zine. Machinery and tools were bought with a family loan, since

industrial site in an oasthouse.

of our trade is that we are pitching at those whose first concern is not the price. Whether they have the money or not, they have to feel in the mood to buy. These things are cyclical and, at the moment, I feel we are in a good patch. My late father said that you should be able to set the business so it could stand

three bad years back to back. That is how we are." Even so, at the height of the

repaid. They include a lathe, a pillar drill and a morticer. Turnover has gone from £20,000

Virtually all the wood is from

local suppliers. Mr Low says: "If a

tree blows down, perhaps the

service we give by taking it away

will mean we have it for free." The

pair fell and transport wood, air-

dry it outside and then put it in a dehumidifying kiln. They also deliver the finished furniture. Mr

Low aims, in time, to take on an

apprentice and pass on his craft.

to around £35,000 a year.

workforce were made redundant and the remainder had their hours reduced. Exports now account for more

than 50 per cent of business, and the firm has clients in Japan. Hong Kong, Turkey, Greece, the US, Europe and the Middle East. Two years ago it opened a showroom and office in Pimlico Road, London. "You cannot expect everyone to come down to

Norwich," says Mr Brett. Edward Brett's wife, Molly, has long played an important part in the business, including helping with stands and sets for promotional photographs and shows. Of their three children, the elder son is a surgeon, the second son is already a non-executive director of the firm but works elsewhere, and their daughter is a musician and composer.

Mr Brett reflects: "It is not a foregone conclusion any of them will work in the business. If they do not, we could hire a professional manager. The only obligation, as I see it, is that the children take

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### nsuring real and effective access to justice for everyone must be a key priority for any government concerned with social justice. Under the previous Government, the proportion of our population eligible for legal aid declined from about 80 per cent to less than 50 per cent. Even now, many of those now technically eligible cannot afford the financial contributions they are required to pay. Clearly, restoring legal aid eligibility to some of those now excluded must be a priority. But that cannot be enough on its own. Nor will it be achieved at all unless the Government can make savings on the cases now

funded by legal aid. It is no longer good enough for lawyers or others connected with the justice system simply to call for more and more legal aid — to restore eligibility levels, or to cover tribunals or defamation without showing how that could be funded. Pressures on public expenditure

# Winners should pay into the pot

on legal aid to grow much faster than the rate of growth in the economy generally. If we are committed to improving access to justice, we must take a constructive and imaginative approach to help the Government in its quest to obtain the hest value for public money spent on the

The Law Society has already developed a constructive proposal as to how this could be achieved. Under this scheme, those receiving legal aid in personal injury cases would pay a success fee calculated as a percentage of the normal legal costs of the case if they win. That is exactly what happens now for private litigants using conditional fees. The same principle could apply to all civil cases where the plaintiff is seeking to recover make it implausible to expect spending money or other property. The success fee

lawyer but to the legal aid fund, to provide cover for other cases.

In some cases it is not possible to make a realistic assessment of the prospects of success early on. That applies to most medical negligence cases. In those circumstances, conventional legal aid would need to be retained to fund the initial investi-

assessment could be made. The Law Society's proposal is a modification of earlier proposals for a contingency legal aid fund first suggested by Justice, the

law reform pressure group, in 1966. But

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pay a fixed percentage of the damage. the damages they recov-ered. That would involve a systematic cross-subsidy from those whose cases are virtually certain to succeed to those whose prospects are more doobsful. As a result, those with strong cases would be asked to pay a disproportionate share of

Now that conditional less are permitact, and are clearly popular, those with strong cases would inevitably opt for a private conditional fee arrangement rather than an unmodified contingency

fund unviable. The Law Society proposal overcomes these problems by adopting the individual assessment of risk used for conditional fees. There is thus no systematic cross-subsidy between one group of cases and another, and no reason for individual litigants to opt out

Some people will object that any scheme of this sort is unfair, because it involves successful litigants giving up a portion of their damages to meet the costs of other people's cases. But that is a counsel of perfection. If - as I believe will be the case - conditional fees become the dominant method of funding money claims for private litigants.

should not be used for legal aid.
I do not presend that a conditional legal
aid fund would be a panacea for all the problems of legal aid. It would do nothing to tackle the problems with criminal or family cases, or with civil cases where money or other property is not at stake. The Law Society has other proposals that will help to tackle the problems of those areas.

am sure, however, that a conditional legal aid fund can make significant savings in the cost of civil legal aid while at the same time improving access to justice. Those savings can be used to help to restore legal aid to people who are at present unreasonably deprived of it. That would be an excellent start towards meeting the new Government's

objective of making the system of justice

operate fairly for everyone in our society. • The author is President of the Law

The toughening of measures against domestic violence provides better protection for victims, reports Chris Barton

# A new shield against attacks at home

layed triumph awaits the former Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Five months after his departure from the Woolsack, the domestic violence provisions of the Family Law Act 1996 come into being. This will itself be some two years after his original Bill on the subject was withdrawn in the face of media and backbench misunderstanding.

Whether the 1995 wreckers - "family valuers", every one - came to realise the error of their way, or were deceived by the cosmetic changes in the 1996 Bill or were merely sidetracked by its divorce provisions, is uncertain. What is clear is that all family courts now have better methods of protecting people victimised past and present members of their own households.

The statistics for physical attacks are unpleasant. One in seven wives reports rape by her own husband and, in a recent survey, nearly one in three women claimed to have been assaulted by her male partner. It is an established truism that domestic violence is no respecter of social boundaries. The Women's Aid Federation of England says:

"We've had a judge's wife, we've had social workers' wives." Their Scottish counterparts parody the claim that victims "ask for it" with this "DON'T fight back. You'll make it worse. And DON'T cower away. It'll make him feel guilty, so he'll hit you more. The criminal courts recently heard of an attempt by a 16-year-old to kill his

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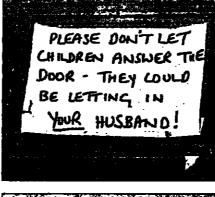
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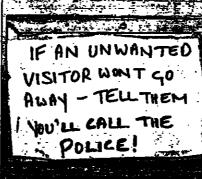
Parliament's previous attempts to protect victims of household attacks date from the Domestic Violence (Matrimonial Proceedings) Act 1976. (In a presentiment of events 20 years later, I recall a "liberal studies" class of agricultural students politely disbelieving that a chap could be barred

from "his" house just for beating up his wife.) The ensuing 20-year mishmash of accumulated legislative effort produced anomalies between the various corded reduction in the amount of partner abuse. Other perceived - failings included less protection for some sorts of partners than for others, and none at all for gay couples. Who are to be given what

the Act's advertisers might call "new" or "improved" rights? The answer lies in the cold term "associated persons". This includes former spouses or cohabitants, present or former same-sex partners, and mere house-sharers: the evidence is that all forms of abuse committed by men against women also occur between women and between men. Incidentally, evidence sugsests that the fabled husbandbasher, nominally covered by new and old law alike, is a

very rare bird. Children and their abusive parents are also "associated persons" although the court will need to be satisfied that minors aged under 16 have sufficient understanding of what is involved in the application. The increased awareness of the long-term impact on children who witness their







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fathers abusing their mothers precludes any mitigation im-plicit in the "defence" that he

never touches the kids". The Opposition successfully moved an amendment permitting separate legal representa-tion for such children, and the police may now take action on behalf of a victim, so the prospects for removing from the home the abuser rather than the child are much

How can the courts help these people, violated by those to whom they looked for support? "Non-molestation" orders are retained from the old law. Yet the expression was reportedly misunderstood by the likes of estranged stepfathers, who thought it referred only to sexual abuse. The new Act allows for such orders to spell out what will not be allowed, such as pestering the child outside school. 1996 Act is the more petent

An expression coined by the occupation order. Partners who persecute should be couple who had sold their ex- court, in considering applica- law at Staffordshire University.

aware that it is more extensive isting home while doing up a tions from women faced with than its predecessor, the socalled ouster order. Under the new law, the court may require the miscreant to leave the victim in sole possession of their intended, not merely their current, home. This would, for example, cover the that the 1996 Act requires the

new place bought in the husband's sole name. But how did Lord Mackay placate those who had scuppered his previous attempt to equate cohabitants with spouses? The answer is mere paramour abuse, to have regard to the greater commitment involved in matrimony. The more realistic differen-

occupation orders are limited to a maximum of one year.

### Call to cut court cuts

MAGISTRATES' courts in England and Wales have been forced to make so many spending cuts that the quality of the service that they offer will be undermined if further savings are demanded, says Anne Fuller, chairman of the Magistrates' Association. in its 77th annual report.

The drive for efficiency

affects everyone in the criminal justice system," she says. "We must not, however, so elevate the needs of the system that we forget that we are there to provide a service."

The association is particularly concerned about cuts in the number of justices clerks, the closure of magistrates courts and long delays for new projects because of the Government's insistence that they be funded by the Private Finance Initiative.

Definite maybe

CITY solicitors are much exercised about whether or not the Government's plans for a new super-regulator will be a success. The verdict of a 34-page report on the planned reform by Clifford Chance's public policy group is: maybe. The report argues that there

is a lot of potential for a welcome rationalisation of the current system but there are many possible pitfalls, such as

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creating a "bureaucratic pyramid" that need to be avoided. Upwardly mobile

All change at the top of the Government Legal Service: Anthony Inglese (now legal adviser to the MoD) takes over as deputy Treasury Solicitor from David Hogg. Hogg has become legal adviser to the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, taking over from Marilynne Morgan, who succeeds Peter Thompson, QC, at the Department of Health and Social Security.

■ More than 1,500 solicitors have already joined the Law Society's new "probate" section since its launch in July. The new section will give business support and practical benefits to solicitors who do probate work. Details: Sonia Purser, 0171-320 5691. Far and away

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, and the de-



### Crime and punishment

ALEX AGBAMU, a criminal barrister, appears as a contestant in the new Gladiators TV series on Saturday. Agbamu, 31, runs three or four times each week and when younger took part in rugby, judo and gymnastics. He says: "Sammy, my four-year-old son, persuaded me to enter. It is more physically demanding than I thought, but enjoyable. The gladiators look big on screen. In the flesh they are even bigger and give no quarter."

partment's Parliamentary Secretary. Geoffrey Hoon, have hit the highway. Lord Irvine last week became the first Cabinet minister to visit Hong Kong since its handover to China. He announced that two serving British law lords are to sit on the former colony's new Court

of Final Appeal. In one day last week Mr Hoon visited a pilot project on Birmingham on "divorce information," the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors at Learnington Spa and a pilot project at Leicester.

Talking shop LORD WOOLF, Master of the Rolls, is speaking at a conference sponsored by the Lord Chancellor's Department on tribunals and "administrative

The three-day meeting is being held by Professor Martin Partington and Bristol University's Centre for the Study of Administrative Justice from November 26 to 28.

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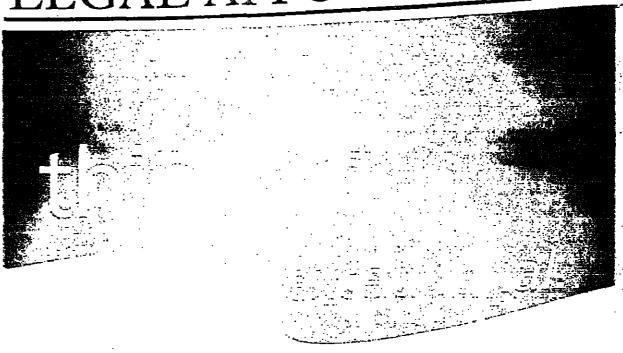
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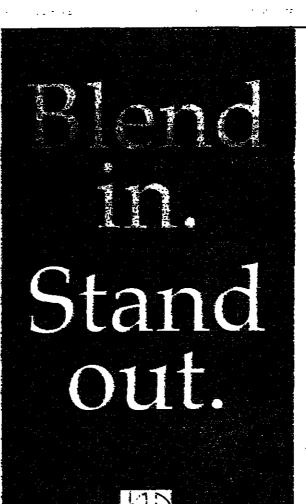
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# New name, but bad old habits

new Legal Services Ombudsman, takes up her position next week. The function of the LSO is to oversee the handling of complaints against solicitors. barristers and licensed conveyancers. Coincidentally, this month is also the first anniversary of the reorganisation and renaming of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau (now the Office for the Supervision of

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Miss Abraham is a former chief executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux and, by reputation, no soft touch. At this point, it would be usual to say some-thing about the difficulty of her new position. But a lawyers' regulator can easily give herself a quiet life and win applause. All she has to do is talk tough and sprinkle her annual report with quotable phrases of the "solicitors are drinking in the Last Chance Saloon" type. I assume that Miss Abraham has higher

If only because of the sheer size of their profession, it is Martin Mears

believes that

changes to the SCB do not

go far enough

solicitors and their regulatory body, the OSS, that will be the new LSO's main customers. How should she set about her task? She could start by reading the literature produced by the SCB during the past seven years and in particular its annual reports. These she may find puzzling.

She will undoubtedly wonder, for instance, why last year the Law Society went to the effort and expense of reorganising its regulatory arm. What was supposed to be amiss?

In a succession of annual reports, the SCB had present-ed itself as a model of efficiency and fairness, with criticism dismissed as illinformed or malicious. The

flow of glad tidings culminated in the SCB's July 1995 press release. This claimed that the quality of the bureau's decision-making was demonstra-ted by "an almost faultless re-cord on appeals". The reorganisation carried out in 1991 had resulted in a system that could "be regarded as the Rolls-Royce of decision-making". We were told that, in an external quality audit in May 1995, a statistical sample of files taken at random dis-

closed no delay or error".
In the face of such claims, why was there a second reurganisation in five years? The reality was that the outside world's perception of the SCB was so negative that the Law Society had concluded that nothing less than a relaunch unthe torrent of criticism. As it turned out, the latest

cosmetic. Meanwhile, such evidence as there is suggests that the bad old practices and anitudes of the SCB continue mostly unchanged. What is different is that the OSS has become yet

reorganisation was purely



Ann Abraham, the new ombudsman: no soft touch, Martin Mears believes

another outpost of Management Man. What it lacks in performance, it makes up in presentation. It has its Business Plan and Key Tasks. Complainants are "customers". It has its Mission State-

ment, its Masthead Slogan. But the same impossible caseloads continue to be handled by the same personnel with the same levels of delay and complainant dissatisfaction. During my presidency, I proposed that the Law Society appoint an independent Visifor (not another tame commitoversee the OSS. This would ensure that at long last we had solid facts about the OSS's

performance.

Without such knowledge, how can effective reforms be undertaken? Anyway, the idea fell on stony soil and is unlikely to be revived. It is, I fear, only a matter of time be-

fore the renamed SCB attracts more adverse reports of the kind published by the National Consumer Council and the Law Society's own re-search unit during the past few years -- to say nothing of the adverse reports that fail to see the light of day.

 The author is a past President of the Law Society, a society council member and editor of the Law Society Client Care Guide. His

# Lawyers find it pays well to move jobs

A survey of 500 reveals that half would switch for higher

salaries, says Frances Gibb

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The legal job market is in flux. Once law was a job for life. Now lawyers look to switch jobs within a few according to new research this week.

A survey by Zarak Macrae Brenner (ZMB) with The Times of more than 500 lawyers in firms of up to 80 partners and qualified for up to six years found that half are likely to change jobs in the next 12

months, and one quarter are "very like-ly". Money is a motivating factor for many. The lower the YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON LOYALLY

salary, the more likely lawyers are to he tempted to move. Some 60 who were earning less than £30.000 are likely change jobs in the next 12 months but only 37 per cent

ing £50,000 to £70,000. Most (60 per cent) feli into the £30,000 to £49,999 salary range; with 26

below £30,000. However, 14 per cent were already carning more than £50,000. There were two other striking findings, according to Anne Dawson, who conducted the research. Nearly one in five of all respondents, most of whom are in City law firms, would con-

sider leaving the legal pro-fession altogether within 12 months (and 38 per cent of

likely to change jobs). And in a finding that will fuel anxiety about poaching by one third of those planning a move would consider joining an American law firm in London.

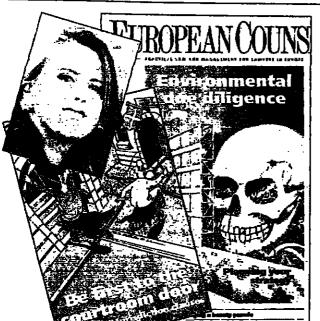
The reason is the perceived higher rates of pay coupled with "quality and type of clients and work". leave the high-pressured

world of commercial law altogether. Of those planning a move, a quarsidering leaving the City to improve their quality of life and cut their working hours. Respondents were asked how important benefits were when choosing a job. Pension, closely followed by more holiday. came top of the list. Next came healthcare, bonus and life insurance. At the

other end of the scale came which was not highly rated. How will they find new jobs? Some 80 per cent said they would use both recruit-

trade press, with The Law-yer top of the list, followed by the Law Society Gazette. The Times topped the national newspapers both for job-hunting and general reading: 71 per cent said they read it at least once a

ment agencies and the



European Counsel, and Josephine Carr, its editor

### A European success story

ith so much to read already, few lawyers would welcome another magazine to fill their crowded in-trays. But European Counsel, a monthly celebrating its first anniversary, has proved there is room in the marketplace. Now with 4,000 subscribers, and an estimated 20,000 readers, it is published by PLC, which first made its

mark with lawyers in 1990.

when it launched Practical Law for Companies. That magazine was a hit in corporate legal departments because of its technical yet accessible content. Every article was edited several times over, illustrated with colour flow diagrams and charts and packaged in an attractive way. The style reflects the pedi-gree of the magazine's Christopher Stoakes on the first anniversary of a glossy title

founders. Both Robert Dow and Chris Millerchip were lawyers with Slaughter & May when they decided that producing a magazine to show that the way big transactions were put together was more interesting and fun than working on the transactions themselves. Strong explanatory graphics and speed-reading summaries made the informa-

tion easier to digest. PLC also coincided with the rise of the in-house lawyer. Until the mid-1980s, in-house lawyers were deemed secondclass legal citizens, rejects who had failed to become partners in law firms. But with the

recession came the realisation that life in law firms was hard and unpredictable. PLC was targeted directly at this new constituency, and whatever inhouse lawyers were reading had to be read by the law firms that served them.

European Counsel has taken this a step further. Aimed at companies with operations and legal departments spanning the European single market, its philosophy is that Europe has to be taken as a whole, even though the legal systems of individual member states differ greatly.

Mr Dow says: "Law is catching up with business.

ing on the single market model." Before starting European

Many companies are operat-

Counsel. Mr Dow and Mr Millerchip brought in Josephine Carr, formerly editor of International Financial Law Review. "PLC was well-known in the UK," says Mr Dow. "Jo joined to extend our reach internationally."
With European Counsel already in mind (the magazine is

now growing among US readers), the trio went on to create a directory of European inhouse lawyers.

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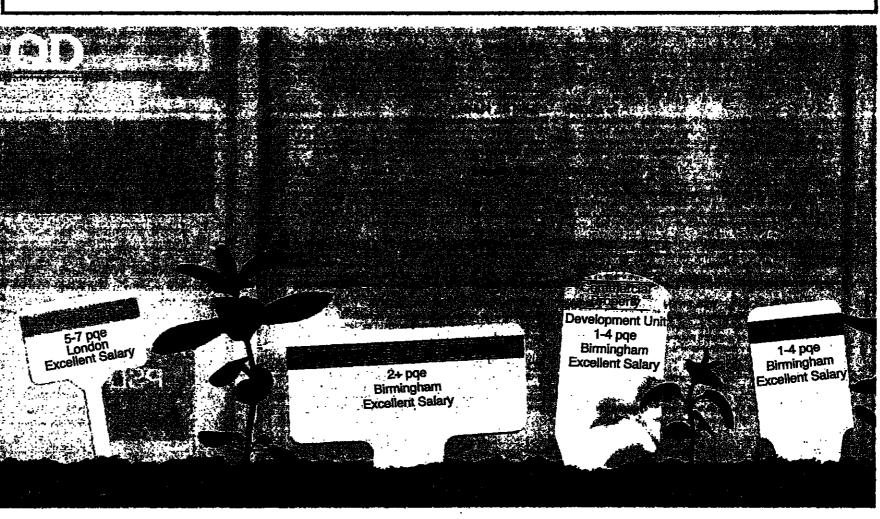
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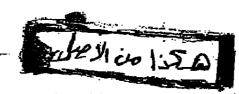
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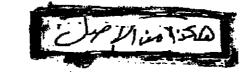
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18 256 KARAGIA 13 (23,54,51 M Chapper 7-8-13 S Car 25 DRIV MAD SFERMELET 22 (4,54,54 S Cares 3-8-11 M I

8) 8 2,784.08 7 M Proced 3-8-12 Standard 84
(2) -285 MR Int-LIDA B Blooking 3-8-12 K Durley 81
(4) 88-0 SHELAN 154 M Chapman 3-8-12 S Carpes (7) 76
(1) 5-6 EMICEPSIAP 153 H Cade 3-8-7 K Fallon 84
(2) 424 MARTY CONNINCALIS 19 & though 3-8-7 M 15th 188
(4) MARTY CONNINCALIS 19 & though 3-8-7 M 15th 188
(4) MARTY CONNINCALIS 19 & though 3-8-7 M 15th 188
(4) Contradic 7-4 Gregoroup 3-1 Mr Majica, 14-1 8 Falco 25-1 Status.

4-1 Bahamas Beauty, 5-1 Cross The Border 5-1 Learny Society 8-1 others

4.15 CAISTER SELLING STAKES

(£2,763; 71 3yd) (20)

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RACING: HANDICAPPER FAVOURS COLE'S COLT IN CURRAGH CLASH

# King Of Kings has plenty to prove against Central Park

RACING CORRESPONDENT

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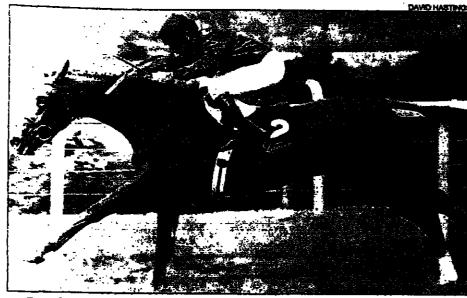
AS THE search for the top two-year-old of 1997 moves up a gear this week, the most hyped juvenile in training looks set to have his reputation reduced to tatters - according to an official best placed to

King Of Kings prompted one of the biggest ante-post gambles for a following season's classic after winning by eight lengths on his debut in May, and is still second favourite for the 1998 Sagitta 2,000 Guineas.

However, the Aidan O'Brien-trained son of Sadler's Wells is set to meet Central Park, the Paul Cole-trained winner of the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, in the Aga Khan Studs National Stakes at the Curragh on Sunday — and Matthew Tester, the BHB handicapper responsible for rating twoyear-olds, is in little doubt as to their respective merits.

"I cannot find any line of form that suggests Central Park is going to have the slightest trouble with King Of Kings," he said yesterday. King Of Kings is all expectation and on what he has achieved so far Central Park has nothing to fear."

Given the support King Of Kings is likely to attract on home soil, Central Park could be one of the bets of the year especially as Cole appears to share the view of Tester.



Central Park takes on King Of Kings in the National Stakes at the Curragh on Sunday

King Of Kings might have a tall reputation but he is not very impressive, is he? The bare form is not much although I think he will run better over the mile trip," the Whatcombe trainer said yesterday, "My fellow is in fantastic form. He's never a great home worker, but he looks

magnificent." The form of Central Park's Goodwood victory has worked out particularly well. Secondplaced Docksider was three lengths adrift - compared to the half a length which separated him from Daggers Drawn in last week's Cham-

pagne Stakes at Doncaster while third-placed Little Indi-an won the group three Solario Stakes

Victory on Sunday would confirm Central Park's position at the top of the two-yearold list, although Tester believes Daggers Drawn has the potential to end up as champion two-year-old in what he describes as "an

average year". While Central Park is on a rating of 118+ and Daggers Drawn has been left on 118 after Doncaster, he has Arkadian Hero, the likely Arkadian favourite

Reef Stakes at Newbury, on

The first running of the Doubleprint Are Trial over 11 furlongs at Newbury on Thursday is building up into a fascinating heat. Clerkenwell, who is being aimed at the Melbourne Cup, is set to received 7lb from Swain, the

King George winner. Cash Asmussen's troubles continued yesterday when it was confirmed his services have been rejected for My Emma in the Arc. Rae Guest is staying loyal to Darryll Hol-

#### SANDOWN PARK

2.15 HIGH CARRY (nap)

2.45 Dark Moondancer 3.20 Nordinex

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3,50 First Chance 4,25 Messina

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 ALTHIB (nap). 4.25 Tonight's Prize.

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.45 DARK MOONDANCER.

#### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CO,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs. () Robinson) 8 Hzd 9-10-0 . B West (4) 8 was (f — firm, good to firm, hard, 6 — goo S — solt, good to solt, heavy). Owner in brackets Trainer. Age and weight. Roles plus any allowance

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DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.15 INNINGS OPENING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O £3,534: 51 Gyd) (8 nursers)

BETTING, 5-2 High Carry 3-1 Althib, 7-2 Ggray Moth, 13-2 One Sunger, 7-1 Golden Strategy Ivory's Joy, 12-1 Blass, 25-1 Jack Ridby Long handicap: Eles 7-9 1996: POLISH WARRIOR 9-5 J Red (7-2 tav) P Chapple-Hyam 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

The consistent One Singer was 31 2nd to Lets Be Fair in 54 Hamilton stakes at Hamilton (good). Glosy Moth returned to report High Carry just failed when 44 2nd to Shandon in 61 Esport nursery (good). herry's Joy 1 3d 2nd to Master Mac in 61 Lampheld nursery (good to Irm). Blass beat Golden Strategy (340 better off). 3d in 54 Brighton nursery (good).

IVORY'S JOY can take advantage of reasonable mark to beat Gipsy Moth

#### 2.45 e b f grass widows maiden stakes (2-Y-0: £3,534: 7t 16yd) (13 runners)

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34 BENEVENTUS 22 (R Khan) 8 Habs 9-0

BOMBASTIC (F Saknon) 8 Habs 9-0

5 CLANK OF DARROESS 6 (M Sutosi) R Harron 9-0

32 DARK MOONDANCER 34 (BF) (A Galespee) P Cteophe-Hyam 9-0

FAYEZ (A Earn) K McAuldie 9-0

FLORAZI 25 FF Windshid J Dunking 9-0

MARK OF PROPHET (P Commingtory J Baints 9-0

PERK PATH (Lord Wexistick) M Stake 9-0

OP PETRICHOU 11 (Some Sprainer) D Chacapet 9-0

OZIELANA GORA 157 (Stebiosic Life) J Smyth-Ochbauro 8-9

TELANA GORA 157 (Stebiosic Life) J Smyth-Ochbauro 8-9

Lata Moondancer, 7-2 Peak Path, 6-1 Atnesse. 8-1 Benevartus, 10-1 Bombasti NG: 5-4 Dark Moordancer, 7-2 Peak Path, 6-1 Abreeze, 8-1 Benavarius, 10-1 Bombastic, 14-1 Florari, 20-is of Darkness, 33-1 others

1996: SLEEPYTRAE 8-9 Pai Eddery (30-100 tax) H Croil 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

Abresze is a well-bred newcomer being by Darceg out of Proceless
Pearl. Beneventus: clayed on when 6%1 4th to Ediden Dice in 71
Newcaste maiden (good). Bombastic: a Polish Precedent coll., s a
(good). Dark Moondancer stayed on stronghy when 1%1 2nd to Soviet Burcau in 71 Satisbury maden
(good) to firm). Florazi 121 5th to Fantasy Island in 71 Newmarket (good). DARK MODNIDANCER has a bright chance to open his account

3.20 LEG BEFORE LIMITED STAKES (£3,631: 71 16yd) (13 runners)

(£3,631: 71 (6yd) (13 rumiers)

301 (7) 6351355 COMPATIBLITY 22 (B.F) (Shekh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 L Demort 22 (6) 01-1312 DOMMANT AR 52 (F.G) in Group M Present 3-9-0 G Defined 23 (6) 029-05 MORROWEY 127 (6) (Caledonan Bacrag) D Elsacon 5-9-0 R Planck (3) 204 (2) 2024300 RANG 24 (CD.F.S) (F Shormach Mes L Shakh 7-9-0 Pel Eddary 305 (4) -104500 ZUGUDI 5 (B.F) (Shek A Al Saish in Khikha 3-9-0 M R Riminer 305 (3) -362130 AURICAS 14 (7) (4) 4-Maktoum) W Heu 3-8-11 T Sprake 306 (11) CHANG 15 (7) (7) (5) Safrail) M Shorte 3-8-11 Dame 07488 309 (11) U1 HOWARD AS (7) (5) Safrail) M Shorte 3-8-11 Dame 07488 309 (5) -034005 MALIOVA 18 (7) (4) Bedamod R Horisched 3-8-11 A Cushane (13) 51-420 REFLES TO LOSE 58 (6) (5) Smolly J Fraction 3-8-11 J Toman 311 (9) 5-18000 SUAMMER QUEEN 55 (0.G) (A Ah 1 S Weeds 3-8-11 M Technot 311 (9) 5-18000 SUAMMER QUEEN 55 (0.G) (A Ah 1 S Weeds 3-8-11 M Technot 313 (10) 3-3312 KAWA-B 26 (6) (14) Maliovant P Wahnya 3-8-6 1 T Quant 311 (10) 3-3312 KAWA-B 26 (6) (14) Maliovant P Wahnya 3-8-6 II T Quant Settings 3-1 Howards, 5-1 Compatibility, Kawa-0, 8-1 Domanact Ar, Galber, Mopro, 12-1 Rabis, Relaza SETTING: 3-1 Housette, 5-1 Compatibility, Kara-Ib, 8-1 Doranact Ast. Galden, Magner, 12-1 Rakis, Releas To Loss, 14-1 others

1996: POUSHAN 3-9-1 J Tato (15-8 tox) S C Williams 7 so

Compatibility 7% of 5th to Present Stuation in 1m% of Epsom handi-cap (good to soft) Dominant Air neck 2nd to Purple Fling in 71 Perhair amoteur states (good) Nordines 101 6th to Eriton in 71 Ferhair amoteur states (good) Nordines 101 6th to Eriton in 71 SW 6th to Hightom in 71 Chester kandicap (good to soft) Zeida Zonk 7% bit to Saley Aña in 71 SW 6th to Hightom in 71 Chester kandicap (good to soft) Zeida Zonk 7% bit to Saley Aña in 71 Linglield transferap (good). Kawa-ib neck 2nd of 12 to Northern Angel in 71 Salisbury marden (good in the first)

KAWA-EB can go one better at expense of Muljova



RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ABAJANY (3.50 Sandown Park) Next best: Messina (4.25 Sandown Park) Timekeeper (James Willoughby) tound a good-priced winner at Musselburgh yeslerday with French Ginger (25-1).

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401			SHEER FACE 3 (D.F) (A de V Patro); W May 9-7 C Lowber (5)			
402	(12)	0246-08	FARMICOON FUTURE 80 (R Bonoycaste) 8 Huls 9-6	- 7		
403			AL MASROOR 18 (O.F) (Al Muslim Partnership) J W Payne 9-5 Dean McKeewn			
404	(9)	-513000	PRAEDITUS 13 (B,G) (B Kilpatrick) R Hannon 9-4 Dane O'Nell	•		
416	(11)	6425644	MANTLES PRINCE 18 (B,BF) (D Barter) G Lewis 9-3 Paul Eddery	4		
406	(8)	4-25220	VILLARICA 11 (R Saegster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2 J Radd	7		
407			SLIPSTREAM STAR 36 (J Smith)   Balding 9-1			
408			KAMIN 24 (H at Maldours) II Armsbang 9-1			
409			ABAJANY 18 (0.6) (J White & Partners) M Changen 9-0 J Fortune			
410			MR PARADISE 22 (D.F.S) (G Archer) T Nanophion 8-13 J Weenver			
411			OLIVO 25 (D.F) (J Harrison) C Horgan 8-13			
412			BUBBILY 46 (F) (Lord Sezyfinise) J Cordon 8-12			
413			FIRST CHANCE 27 (M. Jackson Bloodstock Lid) D Elsworth 8-11 R Phrench (1)			
414			NOMINATOR LAD 12 (D.F) (J Scattere) B McMathon 8-11			
415			POOT BATTALION 35 (D.S) (J Blog) R Holkschead 8-10 A Coffeene			
416			JUNERAY 22 (G) (Etiangowan Racing Portners) R Ingram 8-10 . A McGlone			
417			WHO'S THAT MAN 34 (F) (T Duby) S.C Williams 8-2 J Oslon	7		
418			HAWKSBILL HENRY 12 IG Harwood) Mrs A Perrell 7-11 Gave Harwood	•		
SETTING: 7-1 Mantles Proce, 8-1 Farington Future, Villerica, Shosteam Star, Abeleny, First Chance, 10-1 in						
Mesroor, Karnin, Olivo, Horsinator Lad, Who's Thai Mart, 14-1 others.						

Sheer Face 4'Al 9th to Infatuation in 1'Aim Doncaster handlesp (good to firm). Faringdon Future 3'Al 6th to Mara River in 1m Bash in Infatuation in 1'Aim Doncaster handlesp (good to firm). Faringdon Future 3'Al 6th to Mara River in 1'm Bash in Infature 1'Aim In MANTLES PRINCE went of loo last last time and is good enough to win

4.25 KENNINGTON OVAL MAIDĘN STAKES

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501	(9)	3	BEL CANTO 13 (Shelife Mahammed) J Bosslen 9-0 L Destori	5		
502	(11)	55	DUXHAN 7 (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 G Carter	7		
503	(3)	35	LONDON LISHTS 7 (Fand Salman) P Cole 9-0	8		
504	(2)	9	LYSANDROS 50 (Hesmonds Stad) J Gosden 9-0			
505	(5)	05222	TOMOGRIT'S PRIZE 7 (8F) (S Seld) C Wall 9-0 6 Durield	8		
506	(4)			8		
507	B	53	BEACON SELVER 22 (The Owen) Lord Huntangdon 8-9 M. Roberts	3		
508	(12)	25-0	FLAGSHIP 124 (R Hollangsworth) W Herr 8-9 T Soratio	7		
509	(1)		MESSINA (Niarchos Family) R Charlton 8-9			
510	(D)			5		
511	(8)	4306-54	MIRS MINIVER 26 (L Harley) P Kelleway B-9 J Reid	7		
512	(10)	0	PRADESH 69 (Sheish Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 G Hand			
	BETTING. 2-1 Tongin's Proc. 5-2 Mrs. Marwer, 7-1 Bel Carto, London Lighis, 18-1 Dukhan, Messina, 12- Flagsho, 14-1 others					
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FORM FOCUS

Bel Careto 139 3rd to Delilah in 11/km York maiden (soil). Tonight's Prize 11/kl 2nd to Sacho in 11/km Lelecster maiden (good to imm) Messina, Sadler's Wells filly, half-sister to middle distance winners From Beyond and Mountains Of Miss. Mrs. Michiver 161 4th to Kalkara in 11/km York fisted states (good) TOMIGHT'S PRIZE has been knocking on the door and may cause a deserved win

4.55 DISMISSAL CLAIMING STAKES

615 (7) 000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Haynes 7-10				Part échilise a luire			
602 (12) 4215 HAPPU DAYS AGARN 45 (D,6) (Ahr. S Móorn) J Whatan B-10 J Carroll 75 (603 (14) 55011 JURDOR MUFFIN 22 (D,10) (Corneitord Brothers Ltd.) J Berry 8-9 C Lowdrer (5) 76 (604 (5) HOT TOPIC (Oracido Pedrent) P Kelleway 8-8 J Reid (605 (15) 12134 PREPPOINT 27 (V.D.F) (R Falley 8 Falley 8-8 J R Winston (7) 91 (605 (16) 100 LEGAL LARK 24 (Sh. Farlorg Racing Col.)) P Homeing 8-7 M R Roberts 608 (3) 00 BrIA'S ROCK APE 24 (Ahr. J Pearce) R Brotherton 8-8 S Drovane - 609 (10) 000 SARRE GER, 14 (1abe Brootstock) R Hamon 8-4 Dens O'Nation 610 (8) 1152412 ORIEL GER, 19 (RF.D.F.S) (A Red, 6) Merchan 8-2 6 Duffield 611 (2) 33 DOYARS DOUL 25 (R Hamon 8-0 J Galon 611 (2) 33 DOYARS DOUL 25 (R Hamon 8-0 M Hancy (3) 513 (4) 500 RAPID RELIANCE 8 (A Highly D Elsworth 7-12 P Frequent (5) 514 (13) 40000 RAPID RELIANCE 8 (A Highly D Elsworth 1-12 J Marsins 615 (7) 000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Haynes 7-10 J Marsins 615 (7) 40000 RAPID RELIANCE 8 (A Highly D Elsworth M Liber 7-10 J Marsins 615 (7) Har Topac, Cornecan, 25-1 others.	(2-Y	-0:	£2,882:	5í 6yď) (15 runners)			
603   (14)   55011 JUNDOR MUFFIN 22 (D.G) [Cornestord Brothers Lick) J Berry 8-9 C Lowther (5)   76   606   (5)   HOT TOPIC (Conside Petronal) P Kellenary 8-8	601	(11)	0465450	DEPONER CROISE 6 (E Jones (Parits) Ltd) 8 Meeting 9-1 M Tabbud.			
603   (14)   55011 JUNDOR MUFFIN 22 (D.G) [Cornestord Brothers Lick) J Berry 8-9 C Lowther (5)   76   606   (5)   HOT TOPIC (Conside Petronal) P Kellenary 8-8	602	(12)	4215	HAPPY DAYS AGAIN 45 (D.6) (Mrs S Moore) J Wheten 8-10 J Carroll	75		
604   (5)							
565   159   12334   PIERPOINT ZY (V.D.F) & Falley R Fater 8-8   R Winston (7)   91	604			HOT TOPIC (Ossikia Perioni) P Kellenav 8-8	-		
607   61   60580 CORRECAN 19 (K Bodes) 5 Tone 8-4   P Tone (7)   61   606 (3)   60   RTAS ROCK MP 2 May J Percel R Brotherton 8-4   S Domene - 609 (10)   600 SABRE CERI, 14 (Taker Brodstock) R Hamon 8-4   Dans O'Hall 610 (8) 1152412 O'RIEL GIRL 19 (BF.D.F.S) (A Red) 8 Metalon 8-2   6 Duffield 9-101 (2)   333 DOVER SOUL 25 (Fill Marchant) P Libble 8-0   J Chalon 9-10 (6)   610 (6)					91		
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508   33   00 RITA'S ROCK APE 24 (Mrs J Pearce) R Brotherton 8-4   S Drownie 609   (10)   000 SABRE GRR, 14 (Take Brootstock R Hamon 8-4   Dans O'Mail 609   (10)   99 1152/412 O'REL GRR, 19 (R) CPS, 5/4 Read B Meeton 8-2   G Duffeld 94   611   62   333 DOVER SOUL 25 (R Marchant) P Maite 8-0   J Osinn   612 (6)   00 RESURPRECTION 7 (R Level) R Hamon 8-0   M Hamoy (3) 93   613 (6)   500 RAPIO RELIANCE 8 (A Minght ) D Expostr 7-12   R Proport (3)   614 (13)   40000 RMER FRONTIER 17 (Dr I Shenkin) M Lisher 7-10   J Marshall 58   615 (7)   000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Hayms 7-10   M Carleste 83   82TIMES, 3-1 Happy Days Agraf, 7-2 Junnof Multin, 4-1 Demier Crosse, 7-1 Dover Soul, 8-1 Otel Grl, 10-1 Plerpoint, 16-1 Har Tops, Corsean, 25-1 ordes.					51		
609   101   000 SABRE GIRL 14 (Taker Bhootstock) R Hannon 8-4   Dans O'Helli							
610 (8) 1152412 ORLEL GIRL 19 (BF.D.F.S) (A Revi) 8 Meetam 8-2	609		000				
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612         (6)         OU RESURRECTION 7 (R Lene) R Hamon 8-0         M Hancy (3)         93           613         (6)         SOD. RAPID RELIANCE 8 (A Alinght) D Elevent 7-12         R Fireuch (3)         96           614         (73)         40000 RAVER REQUITER 17 (D I Sharium) M Usher 7-10         J Marshall         59           615         (7)         000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Haytes 7-10         M Caribote         83           85TIMS: 3-1 Hapty Days, Aguin, 7-2 Junnor Mattha, 4-1 Demier Crosse, 7-1 Dover Sool, 8-1 Oriel Get, 10-1         Neppoint, 16-1 Haz Tops.; Corsecta. 25-1 orless.							
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615 (7) 000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Haynes 7-10	Б13	19)	500	RAPID RELIANCE B (A Alinghi) D Elsworth 7-12 R Firequit (3)	-		
615 (7) 000 SAFABEE 19 (A Warder) M Haynes 7-10	614	(13)	40000	RIVER FRONTIER 17 (Or I Shenium) M Lisher 7-10 J Marshell	39		
Pierpoini. 16-1 Hot Topic, Corsecan, 25-1 others.	615						
• • • • • • • • •	BETTING: 3-1 Happy Days Again, 7-2 Jumpt Mutho, 4-1 Demier Crosse, 7-1 Dever Sooi, 8-1 Oriel Gal, 10-1						
1996: CLARA BLISS 8-6 M Tebbat (3-1) B Memban 10 rao	Plerpoint. 16-1 Hot Topic, Corsecan, 25-1 others.						
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DOVER SOUL can take advantage of a drop in class

5.25 END OF SEASON APPRENTICE HANDICAP

FORM FOCUS: Zamalek 2½1 4th to Edan Heights in 1½m Leicaster apprentice traditize (good to firm) with Absolutelystunning (levels) 161 17th Herbston Dancer 81 5th to Kinnescash in 1m3½1 Windsor randical (soft) Rehaalo 7¼1 5th to Gueschmation in 1½m Brighton claimer (good), Nicota's Princess 5½1 4th to Resayel in 1½m Chester apprentice handicap (good to soft). Ring The Chief 2¼1 5th to Gold Lance in 1m Windsor handicap (good to firm).

REHAAB had no kuck in numbing last time and could bounce back to form

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Audes 26 281 249 68 68 **JOCKEYS** J Tabo Pat Eddery L Deltori G Canter J Weaver S bin Suroon S Williams M Johnston P Chapple-Hyam J Gosden

te for Saturday's Mill in the Yorkshire Oaks.	4 (17) 0025 SR TASKER 44 (F.S) J.L. Hazer, 9-9-5 Alex Gresses 5 (1) 5544 GRESATRE 25 C Dayer 3-9-2 W Ryan 6 (6) 0000 AXEMAN 17 (F) M Ware 5-9-0 A Whaten (3)
MARTIN BICKNELL BENEFIT HANDICAP 4,533: Im 14yd) (18 runners) 2003/20 SHEER FACE S (0.5) (A de V Paince) W May 9-7	7 (18) 0000 HOPEFUL BD 56 (9.CD.F.G) P Howley 8-9-0 K Darley 8 (3) 8500 MBUE SHARTLY 5 (8.D.P.) HIS Shabet 7-4-0 S HELDHORD 9 (7) 0000 MY 600500 B (V.D.F.S) M Deck 7-9-0 C Tempre (3) 10 (20) 5300 SHASH 20 (D.F) Pat Mitchel 5-9-0 P Bloomfeld 11 (9) 0000 WALHES OFENAL 20 (V.C.F) P Machel 6-9-0 Arrusch, Sanders (3) 12 (2) 00-0 WALHES OFENAL 20 (V.C.F) P Machel 6-9-0 T & McLaughlin T &
1246-06   FAPMICOON FUTURE 80 (R Romp-case) 8 Huls 9-6     Towns 70	13 (8) 38 GLEN CGL 13 M Charmon 3-8-11
14-1004 BURBLY 46 (F) (Lord Susynhillog)   Durling 8-12	4.45 JACK LEADER CHALLENGE TROPHY FILLII NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,948: 71 3yd) (13)  1 (7) 31 UP AT THE TOP 14 (5) 9 18th 9-7

2.25 JOHN WADE HINO TRUCK NOVICES
SELLING HANDICAP HURBLE
(21.788 2m 51 10/01) (8 nuners)
1 2m 51 10/01) (8 nuners)
2 559 SMS LERSIO 52 2 C Duran 6-11-4 AP McCoy.
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3 537-18/01/18/01 (21 (9/2)) A Region 7-10-7 Mr R Amento.
4 10/05 FECON SECON 15 M Mean 7-10-6 G McConnack (7)
5 504 COMMENTA SENIOL 53 1 Mean 7-10-6 B SOutha (5)
7 309- CRITICA LANY 130 R Coops 7-10-8 A Double 8 - 144 MERIORIES KE M Wang 8-10-8 S Taylor (5)
8 - 144 MERIORIES KE M Wang 8-10-8 S Taylor (5)
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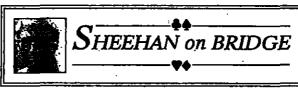
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#### By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The squads sponsored by Nick Nickell and Seymon Deutsch have been the two most successful teams on the American bridge scene over the past few years. Nickell's team (Hamman, Wolff, Meckstroth, Rodwell, Freeman) have the better record, and are the current holders of the Bermuda Bowl, but Deutsch (Martel, Stansby, Mahmood, Rosenberg) won when the teams met in the final of the 1997 trials to determine the number one American team in the next Bermuda Bowl. I will be giving hands from that match for the next few days. Sometimes in defence you can see a clear way to set the contract. But it may not be so obvious to your partner, so in addition you have to make sure he will follow your

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Contract; Four Spades by South. Lead: seven of hearts. Wolff opened One Diamond that West held the quest of

on the North hand, Zia (East) overcalled One Heart, and Hamman (South) bid One Spade. Deutsch (West) supported with Two Hearts, Wolff bid Two bid Two Spades and Hamman ended the auction with Four Spades over East's Three Hearts.

At trick one Hamman took Zia's king of hearts with the ace and played a diamond to the queen. (The records do not reveal whether West played the jack). When Zia won the king he could see that the diamonds would provide enough tricks for declarer - if declarer had three diamonds the suit would be running and if he had two he could ruff out the suit. Hence the only chance for the defence was

hearts and the ace of clubs. So Zia led the eight of clubs. When Deutsch won with the ace, it was not clear to him that

the eight was Zia's lowest club: He switched to diamonds and now Hamman had ten tricks.
Zia shouldn't have given Deutsch a chance to make a mistake. He could see the correct defence, so he should have cashed the king of clubs, then played a heart. That way, West couldn't go wrong.

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By Philip Howard

GUDERIAN a. Luscious Javanese fruit b. German general c. A functional determinant

BAJADA a. A geological feature b. Cubs' passing out parade c. Old Spanish punishment

a. An ornament b. A town in Indonesia c. A gambling card game

**GARUM** a. A flowering plant b. Formula I racing grid c. Fish sauce

Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Devon chess

The annual congress at Paignton in Devon resulted in a win for C. W. Baker on 6/7. Second was international master K. Panczyk of Poland while third prize was shared between D. Gunter. Paignton resident, international master Gary Lane and A. Southall. **US Championship** 

Grandmaster Joel Benjamin

has evidently profited from his work preparing IBM's Deep Blue computer for its match victory against Garry Kasparov. In this year's US championship Benjamin triumphed in the final, scoring a 34-24 win over grandmaster Larry Christiansen. Benjamin opened well with a victory in the first game. White: Joel Benjamin

Black: Larry Christiansen US championship, September 1997 Slav Defence

c6 Nt6 B#5 5 cxd5 cada Oca Bxb4 Qe7 bxc6 Kxe7 Rhc8 Nc7 Kd6 15 Ne5 16 Rc1 17 Nxx6+ 18 Na3 22 Noa5 23 Rc3

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Ra8 Ke7 Kf6 Rc8 Re8 h5 h4 h3 25 No5+ 26 Ra3 27 No6 b3 g3 æ5 Kg5 Nc4 36 Nc7 37 Nova6 38 Ne5 39 Novg6 Nd2 Black resigns

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Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book-shops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

French championship This year's French champion-

ship (in the absence of Etienne Bacrot) has been won by Anatoly Vaiser, formerly of the Soviet Union, with the score of 1) out of 15. in second place was D. Anic on 10'2 and third was C. Bauer with 10." ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

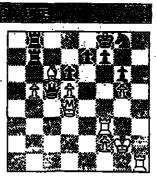
chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene.

White to play. This position is from the game Luther - McShane, Lippstadt 1997.

13 year old Luke McShane is a very promising prospect but here he is on the receiving end of a neat tactical finish. How did White continue?

Solution on page 46



FOOTBALL

# Barcelona win the battle of divided loyalties

have got a soft spot for Newcastle United, everybody knows that. My father used to take me to St James' Park when I was a boy and we used to get to the ground at midday for a three o'clock kick-off. I bleed black and white, but, when the European Cup Champions' League game against Barcelona starts tomorrow night, there will be no divided loyalties on my part. No way.

ties on my part. No way.

I am still very proud and honoured to work for Barcelona and I have still got a big job to do for them. I want them to win. If it was any other club that Newcastle were playing, even PSV Eindhoven, who I enjoyed so much success with in Holland, the opposite would be true, But, even though I am a Geordie, my allegiance tomorrow is to Barcelona.

Barcelona.

When the draw was made, I just thought how ironic it was, especially as PSV were in it as well. I have got so many connections with Newcastle, going back to my childhood, and I had the offer to go there as manager last year. It was a great offer, but it came at the wrong time and I decided I had to honour my contract and stay at the Nou Camp.

I will not be there tomorrow because I am in Egypt for the world under-17 champion-ships; looking for good young talent for Barcelona. Yesterday, I saw the best team of young players I have ever seen in my life. Predictably enough, it was Brazilian. Yet, despite all that, my heart and my head will be in Newcastle tomorrow and I am hoping that the match is shown on Egyptian television.

I have got to say that Newcastle are going to have their work cut out to get any change out of Barcelona. We have had a very good start under Louis van Gaal, the new coach. We have won our first

BOBBY ROBSON



on the difficult task facing Newcastle

three games and beaten some good teams already, and the players will be very confident.
Going to Newcastle in front of 37,000 howling Geordies will not bother them. They will relish it. They will not buckle under that kind of pressure. They will not be afraid. Our players will enjoy that kind of frenzied atmosphere. Van Gaal will respect it and not think it is a one-horse race, but

they will be confident.

It is important to remember that Barcelona have a formidable European pedigree. Even as recently as last year, when we won the Cup Winners' Cup, we went to Fiorentina in the second leg of the semi-final needing to win that away leg to go through — and we did it. The players at the club know what they have to do to succeed in Europe, Newcastle have not got that kind of experience.

I think Manchester United probably have a better chance of making the next stage. I know they have to get past Juventus, but, this year, I think they can do it. Last year was a learning experience for

young boys such as Butt, Scholes and the two Nevilles and this year they will be better and more confident for it. They will understand how to play a bit of European football

I think they will provide a much tougher challenge for Juventus all round this year. I am not sure about their centre back situation and I worry sometimes about Pallister and his fitness, but they have got superb full backs, a wonderful midfield and an attack that has enough pace to unsettle defences. As far as Feyenoord, the other big team in their group goes, I don't think they will represent much danger.

I know a lot of the interest in England has centred on Leicester City's Uefa Cup draw against Atlético Madrid. Well, I've seen Atlético at close hand on a number of occasions and they are a very formidable side. It is going to be extremely difficult for Leicester to get past them.

hey didn't win anything last season and they are desperate to get back into the Champions' League next year, so they have gone out and spent a lot of money on some very good players. They are already one of the favourites to win the Spanish league this year because they have invested well.

Everyone knows about Vieri and Juninho, but they have also bought a midfield player called Lardin from Español. He can play on either the right or the left and he can beat players at will. In attack, I like Kiko very much. He is a top player, a really wonderful forward. And then there is Panic, who is mustard on free kicks. He can put them on a

As I said, it will be difficult for them. No more difficult than it will be for Newcastle, though



Juninho, right, celebrates his first goal for Atlètico in the Madrid derby on the opening day of the season in Spain

### Kaamark holds key in Madrid

FROM ROB HUGHES IN MADRID

IF VENGEANCE can outlast the playing years of the vanquished, then Leicester City might run with even more ferocious purpose in the Vicente Calderón stadium here tonight. Only once before have Leicester City travelled the European route and that, in 1961, came to an abrupt halt at the hands — or the feet — of Atlético Madrid.

Yet City, who have bounced

from relegation back to promotion four times in the interim years, are nothing if not optimistic and resilient. Their manager, Martin O'Neill, knows how far spirit can travel in Spanish parts; he played in Northern Ireland's astonishing 1-0 World Cup

victory over Spain in Valencia in 1982 and he and his deputy. John Robertson, helped Nottingham Forest to win the 1980 European Cup against SV Hamburg, again here in Madrid. O'Neill knows the territory, the odds and how to tell it, perhaps he even knows

how to organise it.

He has a precedent. The spirit of Bilbao overran Atlético in the Basque country on Saturday, a team built at home, on organisation and running power, against one rebuilt at a cost of £36 million this summer.

Leicester City, whose balance sheet moved a mere £1.4 million in the same n onths. feel they hold one trum, card. It is Pontus Kaamark, their Sweden defender. Once again, he will meet Juninho. the Brazilian whom he suppressed over two games when City defeated Middlesbrough to win the Coca-Cola Cup in May — and thus qualify for the Uefa Cup.

Juninho has transferred to Atletico for £12 million. Undoubtediy. Kaamark will attempt to follow his every footstep again, though he said yesterday. "It demands great concentration, and the problem is Madrid have several Juninhos."

Do they? In fact, they have no other player quite like him, although they paid almost an equivalent sum to Juventus for the big centre forward Christian Vieri. Juninho attempts to find the space behind Vieri and Kiko — a Spaniard, would you believe, whose deft control is remark-

able in so big a front-runner. Behind them, Milinko Pantic, a Yugoslav like the Atlético coach. Raddy Antic, is the preferred playmaker.

Yet, if the fire burns from

Steve Walsh right through Neil Lennon to Emile Heskey, the Madrid team can be stretched. From set-pieces, Leicester may be able to expose José Molina, a solid goalkeeper whose wanderings off his line were undone by Clarence Seedorf, of Real Madrid, who chipped him from 45 yards in the opening game of the Spanish season.

Nevertheless, ultimately,

punge Leicester's high-octane endeavour. LEICESTER CITY (probable: 3-1-4-2): K Keller — S Walsh, M Eltotl, S Prior — P Kaamark — M Izzet, N Lernon, G Parker, S Guppy — I Marshall, E Heskey

Madrid's quality should ex-

Villa draw strength from lesson of last season

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN BORDEAUX

ASTON Villa's tame exit from the first round of the Uefa Cup last season, when they lost on the away goals rule to Helsingborgs IF, still rankles with their manager, Brian Little. As the plot unfolded and Helsingborgs clung to a decisive 0-0 draw in the second leg in Sweden. Little's side appeared powerless to halt the inevitable. It was an abject display of impotence bording on incompetence.

A year on, at the same stage of the same competition. Villa will not make the same mistakes again. They enter the first leg here against Bordeaux confident of emerging unscathed for the return at Villa Park in a formight.

"We went out last year without losing a game," Little said yesterday. "It was silly, a crazy situation, and I'm sure it won't happen again.

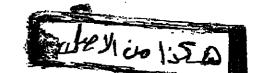
"When we went I-O up in the first leg, we panicked and thought we needed more. We tried to force the pace when we really didn't need to." Helsingborgs equalised and that proved to be enough to take them through.

Villa have recovered some self-respect after opening the FA Carling Premiership season with four successive defeats. They have won their past two games and Little will keep the side that started in the 3-0 victory over Barnsley at Oakwell on Saturday.

Bordeaux lie in fourth place in the French League first division, yet have conceded 13 goals in only seven matches. They will be without Johan Micoud, the midfield player, who has a suspension hanging over him from the club's last European campaign two years ago, when they were beaten by Bayern Munich in the Uefa Cup final. Jean-Pierre Papin, 34, the former France international, leads their attack.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2). M. Bosnich. — U. Briogu, S. Stænton, G. Southgate. — F. Nelson, i Taylor, M. Drapet, S. Grayson, A. Wright. — D. Yorke, S. Collymon.





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FOOTBALL Arsenal face hostile reception in Greece

> FROM MATT DICKINSON IN SALONIKA

THE last time that an English team ventured into PAOK Salonika's Toumba Stadium, the game was almost abandoned amid a hail of bricks and other missiles. Considering Leicester City were only over for a pre-season game, Arsenal's anxiety over the notorious Greek fans as they prepare for tonight's Uefa Cup first-round, first-leg tie is understandable.

Banned from European football for 12 months after a riot against Paris St Germain five years ago, PAOK's supporters have shown no signs of mellowing. Pat Rice, the Arsenal assistant coach, returned from PAOK's recent game against AEK Athens with gloomy news about the high standards of the players and the low standards of the crowd, who were hell-bent on hurling rocks at each other.

Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal coach, has warned his players of the intimidating test that awaits them in the 43,000capacity stadium. "People have to remember it is not a war - it is a football match."

"We know it is going to be an intimidating place to play. I have been to Greece twice with Monaco and the atmosphere was terrible. I remember the second leg of a game against AEK when we had to travel around with tanks."

With Tony Adams making his first start of the season, the back five that George Graham guided to a Cup Winners' Cup triumph three years ago remains intact. The former manager's cautious philosophy has long gone, however, with Wenger talking bullishly of being adventurous, and, to that end, he is considering the surprise selection of Nicolas Anelka, 18, to replace Dennis Bergkamp. ARSENAL (probable; 4-4-2) D Seamen — L Deson, S Bould, T Adams, N Winterburn — R Parlour, P Vieuz, E Petri, M Overmars — N Anelka, I Wright.

### World Cup bid now

World Cup in 2006 took a significant leap forward last night when it was revealed that two-thirds of the £9 million needed to try to beat off competition from Germany and other countries over the next three years has already been raised and that the remainder is likely to be in place within weeks (Oliver

June 2000, when the final to be made available soon from the National Lottery.

After a meeting with Sir Colin Marshall, president of the CBI, senior industrialists have pledged their backing and the FA has taken heart, too, from the success of Athens in winning the right to stage the Olympic Games in

Their bid, which was not among the front-runners and did not have widespread official backing, was still able to beat off the sanctioned choice

of Rome. In the competition for the 2006 World Cup. Germany has always claimed to have the backing of Uefa and a head start in the campaigning

process. "The unity of purpose behind England's bid is a source of great strength and encouragement to us." David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said last night.



Surface tension: Smith's relaxed demeanour hides an almost obsessing approach to the demanding business of making yachts go faster

# Smith driven by global dream

awrie Smith, the skipper of Silk Cut, the boat that carries Brit-Jain's best chance in years of winning the Whitbread round-theworld race, possesses a trait that is rare in British sailing -- charisma. But he is also shy, and struggles with the public side of being Britain's leading offshore

racing skipper. He has an engaging, devil-may-care attitude about almost anything not directly concerned with winning yacht races, and, in an era when many skippers turn themselves into talking robots for their hard-won sponsors, Smith often gives the impression that he could not care less.

According to one of his regular sailing companions, Smith, who starts his third full Whitbread when the tenboat fleet leaves Southampton on Sunday, is "insanely competitive". He will fight in every way to win, on and off the boat, and he works remorselessly to get the results he wants.

That goes for everything else in his life as well, whether it is a drinking match or a game of golf: Smith wants to win and usually does. If he does not, he will at least put a gloss on things that makes it look as though he would have done so but for circumstances beyond his control. The winner always

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Edward Gorman on the round-the-world skipper determined to follow his own course through life

knows that his superiority is only grudgingly acknowledged. Over the years he has grown suspicious of his rivals and tends to look for conspiracies where often none exist. He has never fitted in with the yachting establishment, but, in many ways, that is no bad thing because he represents and identifies with the majority of people in a sport still stuck with an increasingly out-of-date image

as an upper-class preserve. Smith, 41, often gives the impression of being too laid back to be taking things seriously, but that is a false impression. At the end of the Fastnet Race in Plymouth last month, his crew wandered around the dockside bars after three days at sea looking like a group of long-haired, heavy-drinking, heavy-smoking heavyweight cowboys in their lurid purple and white sailing gear. They were having fun, and

On the boat itself, however, nothing is lacking in application or discipline. There is a lot of loyalty, not only to Smith but to each other. The crew

wants to win and anyone not totally committed to that goal would have been spotted and thrown off by Smith long ago. On board, Smith is focused on the job in hand and expects.

everyone else to be. When he asks for something to be done, it is done, not fast but methodically. If there is a problem, the skipper can get irritable and, when things go wrong, he does not hold back.

Neal McDonald, who is on board Silk Cut and has raced with Smith in a variety of boats over the years, knows him as well as anyone: "From the outside, Lawrie looks pretty relaxed and easy going, but he's a tough so-and-so and, at the end of the day, if we step out of line, we get stamped on. He is not a man for excuses."

Steve Hayles, the navigator on Silk Cut, said Smith is obsessive about making the boat go fast. "He never stops thinking about how to sail better," he said. "There's never a time when anybody, not just Lawrie, says: Let's relax, we're doing it perfectly."

Smith himself is finding the pressure

a bit wearing. It is one thing to go in as the underdog with a rushed or under-funded campaign, but this time it will be hard to make excuses. "You always worry about any boat," Smith said, going on to speculate about all sorts of potential disasters, from finding he is slow in relation to the competition, to the mast falling down or the water-ballast pump failing.

He is also worried by the responsi-bility that he shoulders and the dangers of going fast through the Southern Ocean on what may well be his last attempt at the race. "I only do it to try and win it — it's a lot of big effort, a lot of time and a lot of hassle. There are a lot of bad things in the race and people could die," he said.

It is understandable that a man with a young family and a comfortable life near Lymington should dread the Southern Ocean, and it takes courage to return to somewhere like that, whatever the financial rewards. "The Southern Ocean is all right 95 per cent of the time," he said, "but some nights are pretty nasty, so you don't look forward to them - it's not nice sailing. Nice sailing is 35 knots of wind with the kite up in daylight, not 50 knots at night with a beam-on sea and **MOTOR RACING** 

#### Fisichella switch may give Hill chance to move

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BENETTON, the Formula One team, won the race for the services of the rising star Giancarlo Fisichelli, after a High Court ruling in London

yesterday.
Mr Justice Jacob ordered the Jordan team employing the Italian driver this season to write to the Contract Recognition Board of FIA, motorsports world governing body, saying that he will be driving for Benetion next year. The judge ordered a three-

day stay on the order to give Jordan the chance to appeal. Ian Phillips, the team's commercial manager, said after the hearing that the team owner, Eddie Jordan, would make his decision by this morning on whether to contin-

ue the court battle.
Phillips refused to comment on whether the loss of Fisichella would open the door to Damon Hill, the world champion, who is seeking a more competitive drive after a season near the back of the grid with the TWR Arrows.

In a further twist to the plot yesterday, it was announced that Jean Alesi, of Benetton, will race for Sauber next season. The 33-year-old Frenchman has signed a twoyear contract to join the Swisshased team.

Alesi is one of the most highly rated but unfulfilled talents in Formula One, with only one win in 131 grands prix. His move after two seasons with Benetion leaves Hill with one fewer option as he considers his own immediate future. Alesi will team up with another Briton, Johnny Herbert, next year.

"I am very much looking forward to working with Peter Sauber and his team," Alesi said. "I was very surprised by them this season and I think they have the potential to be a

top team in the near future." ASauber spokesman said that Alesi had "shown all the motivation and commitment required for success" and would form a strong partner-

#### ICE HOCKEY

#### Superleague's finest expose class divide

group stage, the Benson and Hedges Cup is still running strictly according to form. National League teams have yet to register a win against Superleague opposition, but Slough Jets, who held Bracknell Bees to a 3-3 draw a fortnight ago, appeared likely to embarrass Basingstoke Bison on Sunday (Norman de Mesquita writes).

They led 2-1 early in the second period, but a burst of four goals in 312 minutes gave Basingstoke the edge and they eventually won 7-4.

SHOOTING

In contrast, Cardiff Devils and Newcastle Cobras beat lower-division opponents 8 Doug McCarthy and Frank Evans scored twice for the Devils while Derek Herlofsky gained the shut out.

It was a closer game in Manchester, where the Storm beat Ayr Scottish Eagles 5-2. Sheffield Steelers, who beat Paisley Pirates 12-1 on Satur-day, defeated Telford Tigers 12-5 on Sunday to confirm the difference in class between the top of the Superleague and those clubs in the lower division.

**Broncos** in

talks with

Branson

LONDON Broncos were yes-

terday awaiting a response

from Richard Branson, the

founder of the Virgin business

empire, to an invitation for

him to take over the Super

League club. Branson has

been involved in talks with

Barry Maranta, the Broncos

owner, about extending his 15 per cent shareholding.
Reports suggested that

Branson was ready to take a 55

per cent controlling interest

and that he had decided on a

new chief executive to take

over from Tony Rea. Maranta confirmed that he was in

Cricket: Inzamam Ul-Haq, of

Pakistan, was banned for two

of the three remaining one-day

matches against India in the

Sahara Cup in Toronto for

chasing a supporter who abused him through a mega-

phone on Sunday. Inzamam

was prevented by other sup-

porters from reaching his tormentor, but play had to be suspended for 37 minutes.

India won the game to take a

Baskethall: Tony Windless,

the most popular player at

London Towers over the past

two seasons, will be contin-

uing his search for a new club

tonight as Towers begin their

group games in the European

Cup against Hapoel Eilat in Israel. Windless, 27, who has

not been retained by Kevin

Cadle, the Towers coach, said:

"I've spoken to Kevin but he

didn't explain to me why he

2-0 lead in the series.

negotiations with Branson.

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ENGLAND'S bid to stage the Seattle 31 Indianapolis 3; Carolina Diego 7, San Francisco 33 New Orl New England 27 NY Jets 24 (OT). ATHLETICS NEWCASTLE: Junior Great North Run (28m): Girts 1, G Viney (Blackheath) 19mp 25ser; 2, C Campbell (Stevenage & North Herts) 16:29, 3, G Taylor (North Shields Poly) 16:40 BASEBALL

Holt writes). The news came after the FA Council and the Premier League confirmed their commitment by allotting £3 million each between now and decision will be made. A further £3 million is expected

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Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Nationwide League

Cardiff v Chester

Coca-Cola Cup

Crews v Port Vale (7 45) ...

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FOOTBALL

Total (45 overs) 118
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BOMLING: Kuruvilla 10-0-29-2; Mortanty 7-15-21-28-28-28

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BOMLING: Aegib Javed 10-2-48-0; Kebir Khan 0.3-0-00; Azhar Mahmod 9 3-1-28-1; Raz Ahmod 5-0-11-0; Sadain Mushtag 8-2-4-1; Sheind Afrid 1-0-3-0; Saeed Arwer 0 4-0-2-0.

Umpires: S Bucknor (West Indies) and S Randell (Australia) India leed best-of-five series 2-0 DRAKES HUDDERSPIELD LEAGUE: Linthwatte 153-7 Scholes 213-6; Thongsbridge 204-5 Skaimenthorne 205-8; Broed Oak 175-8 Homelith 177-3; Elland 129-3 Lascelles Hall 128-7dec, Kirkburton 125 Shepley 238-3; Marsden 196-5 Hunley 210-3.

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Basingstole 226-6 High Wycombo 217;
Maxicrinead and B 281-7 Beaconsfield
197-5 (Beaconsfield are champions);
Wolkingham 242-3 Boyne Hill 107; Timig
Patk 247-5 Chesham 239-7; Stough 245-6
Amersham 215-8; Kidmore End 155-8
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Reading v Peterborough (7.45)
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EASTBOURNE; South of England championships: Devorative Park cupt first round: R Walls at D Collins +14; L Tibble in P Castell +20; J Davey bt B James +14; L Hammalay +13; G Fowter bt D Shaw +10; E Dymock bt E Robinson +10; A Nelson bt T Dution +6; R Parkins bt P Nash; +4 Second round: J Davey bt R Walfs +20; G Thompson bt G Fowter +11; R Parkins bt L Tibble +12; A Nelson bt E Dymock +2 Brittain Porringer cup: First round; B James bt D Colins +9; M Harmelev bt D Shaw +22; E Robinson bt T Dution +4; P Castel bt P Mash +2.

TOLIR OF SPAIN; Tereth stage (235im Cordoba to Almendralejo): 1, M Piccoll (R, Breschalt-Cyste) 44r 55min 22sec; 2, J Vicerio (Sp. Estepona-Tescel) sarne imme, 3, J Svendda (Cz. Maper-GB); 4, B Cortle (R, Scrigno-Gaerre); 5, C carrin (R, Braccialet-Cyste) all at 3sec Overall standings: 1, A Zulle (Swiz, CNCE), 43r 38min 57sec; 2, L Dufaux (Swiz, Lotus) at 22sec; 3, F Escarin (Sp. Keim-Crostz Bisnord; at 27min 14sec; 4.

CYCLING

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Rangers 2 Notingham Forest 3; Southampton 2 Derby 0; Totanham 1 Leeds 1;
Winbledon 2 Sunderland 1.

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Canada 1 (in San Salvedor)
DUTCH LEAGUE: Yesterday; Mende 0
Real Zaragoza 1; Covado 1 Espanyol 1;
Celta Vigo 2 Real Betts 0; Recorg Santander
2 Valencia 1; Compostela 1 Tenerie 2
GERMAN LEAGUE: PC Kataerstautem 4
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PONTINS LEAGUE CUP: Group one: Bradiord v Oldhem (7.0).

NATIONMDE GOLD CUP: Section B: Distillery v Linfield; Limstady Utd v Coleraner; Bangor v Ards. Section C Carrick v Gestomer, Newy v Portadown. Section A: Dungarnon Swifts v Crusaders; Lamp v Glanayon.

MINSTONILEAD KENT LEAGUE: First

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION:

Spons v Coleshill.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Sendhuni v
Reading Town: Bootlont v Hartiey Winney
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Sponts v Welton Casulais
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Flast
division: Atherton LR v Wentington; Darwen
v Badepool Rovers; Kidagrou v Glossop
North End. Northwich Town v Catheros;
Moseley v Newcesile Town: Ressendale v
Chaddertor, Selford v Haslingtien: Vauchall
GM v Atherton Colleries.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Racing Club Estudiantes de la Pleta 1; Gimnesia Engrima 3 Independents 2, Usin 11 Volez Santiad 3; Girmasia y Tro 1 Sen Lorezzo 1; Hantarar 0 Girmasia o July 0; Departivo Espanyol 2 Colon 0; Rosario Cantral 2 Lanus 2; Boca Juniors 2 Newelf's Ctd Soys 1; Platiers 1 Argantinos Juniors 3; Fanocard Oeste 0 River Plate 3.

3, resrocario Cesta Univer Passe 4. BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Cruzeiro 4 Passena 0; Guerani 1 Atletico Mineiro 3; Piamengo 4, America 2; Vitoria 4 Vasco da Gama 2; Sport Recite 2 Internacional 0; Gosas 3 Criciuma 2; Santos 2 Contibs 1; Portuguese 2 Contribana 1; Atletico Paramense 3 Juventude 1; Gramio 2 Balhia 2; Sido Paulo 2 Rotalono 2; Bronzettico 3 Belmare 1.

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UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston v
Bourne; St Neots v Pottor; S and L Cotty v
Holbeact; Staticial v Kerngston; Whorough
v Ford Sports; Wootton v Eynesbury.

UNAJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Burgess Hill: Ringmer v Redhill. John O'Hers League Cup: Horsham YMCA v Broadbridge Heath.

NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armitionse Weltare v North Fendby, Amold v Glasshoughton Weltare, Mality MW v Cuzon Aerton, Pulsaring v Ossett Town; Selby v Deneby; Thackey v Eoclashill

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Yorkshire Amateus v Caritals; Crackey Town v Cambridge Utd; Warminster v Camposter

AUGUSTA, Missouri: Boone Velley Classic: Leading final scores (US crises stated): 200: H levin 70, 65, 65, 202: G Morgan 70, 67, 65, 205: J Blend (SA) 69, 69, 68, 200: D Carsham (Aus) 87, 68, 71, 207: D Echelberger 68, 70, 69, 209: M McCallough 67, 72, 70, M HN 75, 64, 70 210: R Thompson 65, 74, 70; H Beloochi (SA) 69, 71, 70, 211: G Archer 73, 70, 69; L Travino 68, 71, 72; D Hendadsson 71, 68, 72 212; R Royd 74, 71, 67; B Duval 69, 71, 72; D Douglass 68, 69, 75.

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WASHINGTON: Safeco Classic: Leeding final socrees: (US unless stated: 272: K Webb (Aus) 67, 67, 71, 68, 69, 272: A Screnstern (Swe) 67, 71, 68, 69, 277: P Shelhen 69, 68, 65, 75, 276: K Robbins 72, 69, 69, 68; D Reid (GS) 67, 72, 68, 71, 279: L Kane 70, 72, 88, 89; C Waster 72, 70, 67, 70; L Neumann (Swe) 68, 70, 70, 71, 290: B Burton 72, 65, 71, 71, 281: C Figg-Cunter 69, 72, 57, 73. Other British: 294: L Hackinsy 74, 70, 88, 72, 287: H Dobson 72, 71, 77, 67, 298; K Marshall 73, 72, 70, 73, 299; C Matthew 70, 73, 77, 69; S Maynor 71, 73, 73, 72; S S Modelley 73, 70, 74, 73; C Pierce 73, 71, 72, 74.

MOTORCYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: British superbille champlonship Round 19 (15 laps, 39 miles): 1, N Maclerczie (68, Yamsha) 22min 03.222sec; 2, J Reynolds (68, Ducei) 22:04.07; 4, M Ratter (35, Honda) 22:12:502; 5, T Rymar (68, Kuszid) 22:12:502; 5, T Rymar (68, Kuszid) 22:12:769; 6, J Moodie (68, Suszid) 22:13:099 20th round; 1, Maclercia 22mm 04 962sec; 2, Emmett 22:05:352; 3, C Walter (68, Yamsha) 22:06:465; 4, Reynolds 22:06:732; 5, Rutter 22:10.762; Leading championship positions; 1, Maclerca 377bt; 2, Walter 304, 3, Rutter 22:7; 4, Reynolds and Emmett 198; 6, I Macpherson 163

ACADEMY CUP; Widnes 4 Wakefield 13, London 16 Halifex 22.

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SPEEDWAY

\*REMBER LEAGUE: Oxford 52 Newport Scinourgh 48 Reading 44; Arena Essau sie of Wight 36; Peterborough 50 Cove 40; Oxford 55 Benwick 34; Newcastle containing 42.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Peterborough 48 M/
Peven Sprockets 27; Anglien Angels 34 St Austell 44; Anglien Angels 40 Badon 38, Lathellan 38 Studie Cubs 37; Mildon Hall 52 M4 Reven Sprockets 26.

NEWPORT: Welsh Open Chemplonship: Final: 1, J Screen (Bradlord); 2, J Lyons (Belle Vue); 3, S Parker (King's Lynn); 4, C Stonahawer (Long Eston). TABLE TENNIS

SHANGHAI: Women's World Cupx Cusater-Snais: Li Ju (China) bt Wang Chen (China) 21-12, 21-17, 21-11; Wang Nen (China) bt J Schöpp (Ser) 21-16, 21-14, 21-13; Geng Liuen (NZ) bt Chen Jing (Tal) 21-12, 21-12, 21-16, 21-2, 21-16, 21-5 Po Wa (H N) 21-18, 22-20, 21-13.

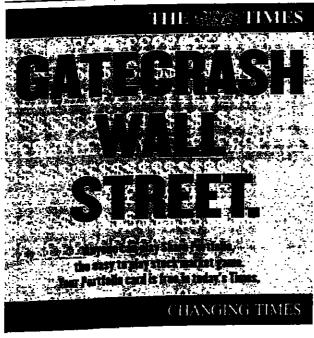
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CRICKET TREBLE CHANCE (horne teems) Shelfield Weds, Oxford, Sunderland, West Brom, Bristol City, Northernoton, Welsell, Doncaster, Scarborough, Motherwell, Partick XI CHAMPIONSHIP (secon OTHER SPORT Vince Wright's three fixed odds away selection were all correct last Seturday.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIRST DIVISION 45 Ayr v Rash 46 Dundes v Hamilton 47 Felkirk v St Meren 48 Partick v Greenock I 49 Strling v Aktine " Pools panel to adjudicate HOMES: Aston Villa, Whitelsdon, Ipswich, Port Vale, Transers, Carlisle, Southend, Barnet, Peterborough: FIXED ODDS: Homes: Winbladon, Ips-wich, Carlisle, Southend, Barnet. Aways: Manchester United. Blackburn, Chester Draws: West Brom, Waissell, Scarborough

Cycling: Alex Zulle, of Switzerland, retained the lead after the tenth stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday. Mariano Piccolo, of Italy, won the stage and the Spaniard Juan Vicario ☐ Vince Wright was second after a break 180 kilometres from the finish.

didn't want me back."



Welling v Stevenage (7.45)

FA CUP: First qualifying round replayar Maine Road v Bilingham: Shoton Comradus v Whitely Bay: Morpeth v Frickley. Stocksbridge PS v Liversedge; Blytin Spatians v Spennymoor, Dunstan FB v Bember Bridge; Essington Collery v Harrogate Town; Desboraup v Bridgnorth; Woodbridge Town v Northampton Spancer, Hevbridge Swits v Cherstey, Camberley Town v Benstend; Worthing v Camerbury; Sough v Beldock; Braintree v Gravesend and Northfleel, Deal v Benframsted; Carchaston v Harwich and P; Dutwich Harriet v Bedford T. Abington Town v Bridguster; Westfleids v Woldingham; Dorchester v Oxford Cly; Caline v Clevedon; Gosport v Buckingham Town Basingstole v Havent; Cinderlood v Weston-super-Mare DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gosport v Buckingham Town; Basingstoke v Havert; Chalerford v Weston-super-Mare DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord v Crawley (7 45), Bromsgrove v Worcaster Cby (7 45), Bromsgrove v Worcaster Cby (7 45), Bromsgrove v Worcaster Cby (7 45), Bromsgrove v Worcaster Cby (7 45), Bromsgrove v Worcaster Chy League Chy (8 45), Bromsgrove V Gloucester Chy, Altinchem v Winstond, Chorley v Runcom, Leigh RMI v Barrow, Mastie v Radcilite, First division: Button v Eastwood Town, Droylsdon v Worldington; Mallock, Town v Congloson, Nathrelled v Greins; Trationd v Greinwood, Albion v Ashen Uld. ICLIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Hilchin, Boreham Wood v Walton and Heisham, Bromley v Harrow, Handon v Chesham (7 45). Brat division: Aldershot, Town v Wembley; Barton Rovers v Leyton Parriant; Staries v Theme Uld, Utbridge v Bognor Regis. Second division: Challon's Street v Windsor and Elor; Hungerford v Epham; Leighan Town v Horshem; Tooting and Mitchem v Northwood; Wiventoo v Mat Police Third division: Ford Uld v Corintian-Casuals: Wingste and Sinckley v Hornchurch.

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
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Lowestott: Gorieston v Wicotlem; Harwich
and P v Sudbury; Newnorfert v Histon;
Sudbury v Heistesd; Watton v Gt Yermouth. "Free bet is a \$10 Correct Score bet on tonight's



2/1 DRAW 2/1 CELTIC LIVERPOOL 6/5 **CELTIC** 6/1...OWEN (L) 6/1...LARSSON (C) 11/1 CELTIC... 13/2....REDLE (L) LIVERPOOL 25/1 10/1 33/1 DRAW. DRAW... .... DRAW 4/1 14/1....BLINKER (C) 33/1 ....3-2 20/1...BURLEY (C) LIVERPOOL, CELTIC 5/4 LIVERPOOL, DRAW 20/1....THOMAS (L) Bets void if 2nd half not started. EM HIM TV TEXT • Telebect on CH4 P601/802/803

# **Patriots** prove a point to Parcells

THEY denied it all last week, of course, tried to say that it was not a grudge match, that it meant nothing more than any of the other regular season games. No one bought that, though. Everyone knew this was a clean-cut case of a former coach returning to the stadium that once adored him and trying to put one over on his old charges. In the end, Bill two victories.

Parcells came up just short. New England Patriots, the team that Parcells took to the Super Bowl against the odds in January and then left amid a welter of acrimony, maintained their 100 per cent record at the Foxboro Stadium in Massachusetts on Sunday night when they edged past his new team. New York Jets. 27-24 for their third successive

victory of the new season. After last season, when they won only one of their 16 games and became the laughing stock of the National Football League (NFL), Parcells has already transformed the Jets into more respectable performers. Against the Patriots. they fought back from 24-17 down to tie the scores at 24-24 before a 34-yard field goal from Adam Vinatieri rescued New England in overtime. Parcells, known across the

United States by the nickname "Big Tuna", had effected a similar transformation in his four years at Foxboro, turning the Patriots from a losing side into one that went all the way through the play-offs. Much of the considerable preamble to the Super Bowl defeat to Green Bay Packers, though, was dominated by uncertainty about his future.

In the run-up to Sunday's game, Patriots fans wore T-shirts urging their players to "Can the Tuna" and "Grill the Tuna". After the Jets' defeat, Parcells refused, untypically, to get drawn into the slanging match. "I have left a lot of myself with this team," he. said. "There are a lot of kids in that dressing-room that I am very fond of.

"I've been through lots of these big-game weeks and usually I can block the distractions out pretty well. There was never going to be a pleasant way to end it with New England, but now I have got a new job with the Jets, It isn't going smoothly, either. There are going to be some rough times here, but I expect

Drew Bledsoe, the Patriots' quarterback, did his best to heap the problems on Parcells

steroids in the United King-

dom have risen by 80 per cent

over the past year. Although

only two per cent of about

4,000 samples analysed under

the drugs-testing programme

run by King's College, London, proved positive — about the same as the previous

year - anabolic agents were

discovered in 27 of the samples

as against 15 in the previous 12

The findings are especially surprising because there is a

suspicion that some offenders

have switched to substances

which cannot yet be detected. When the United Kingdom

Sports Council (UKSC), which

administers the scheme at a

million, releases the latest

yearly cost of more than £i

on Sunday. Bledsoe has made it plain that his mission this season is to do just as well without Parcells as they did with him last year, and so far he is showing every sign of succeeding. He threw two more touchdown passes yesterday to go with the eight he completed in the Patriots' first

The only other team to match the Patriots' start is unheralded Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who beat Minnesota Vikings 28-14 in Minneapolis. Tampa Bay's much-maligned quarterback, Trent Dilfer, threw two touchdown passes as the Buccaneers made their best start to a season for 18

Denver Broncos, inspired by the continuing excellence of their quarterback, John Elway, kept their 100 per cent record in their second game. crushing St Louis Rams 35-14



Parcells: new challenge

in the Mile High Stadium. Elway threw four touchdown passes to take the Broncos to the head of the American Football Conference western

It was a good day, too, for another veteran quarterback, Steve Young. The San Francisco 49ers' leading player, back among the starters after yet another lay-off after suffering his third concussion in ten months, threw three touchdowns in his team's 33-7 win over hapless New Orleans

Saints. Young, whose injuries last season prevented the 49ers from making a concerted challenge for the Super Bowl, shrugged off five sacks as he completed 18 of 21 passes for tirement that he had been

220 yards. His performance pushed suggestions about recontemplating himself, into the background for a few more weeks at least

**DRUGS IN SPORT** 

Steroid misuse shows increase

BY JOHN GOODBODY

hormone drugs, particularly among weightlifters and

powerlifters, will show a

sharp increase. This may help

to persuade the Government

to make the possession of anabolic steroids illegal, un-

less used under medical

areas of sport where there is

still determination to use

drugs and where some com-

petitors are obviously not good

enough without them." Mi-

chele Verroken, director of the

UKSC's ethics and anti-dop-

ing directorate, said yester-

day. The total number of

doping offences discovered

during the period under re-

view was 82, compared with 84

We are focusing on those

supervision.

POSITIVE tests for anabolic statistics today, the use of

**Breakfast of champions** 

Tom Hibbert is there as Frank and Frankie

try to put some snap, crackle and pop into

a campaign for healthier eating

That does a heavyweight boxer eat for breakfast? Sixteen plump steaks and another plump steak for pudding. What does a Flat jockey eat

for breakfast? Why, nothing at all (a bite of Ryvita at the most, possibly). Because he has his weedy weight to think

These popular beliefs were poo-poohed, shown up as misconceptions, as horse-person Frankie Detorri and former pugilist Frank Bruno turned up at breakfast time in London to plug Kellogg's National Breakfast Week, an attempt to put health-giving cereal into the bowls of every youngster of the nation rather than, as Big Frank (who is no stranger to HP Sauce) put it, "all those disgusting hamburgers"

For breakfast, Dettori eats All Bran. Bruno favours cornilakes with bananas. That's official. They made an unlikely pair as they sat side by side on a sofa doing their bit for the press and sponsor-ship. Bruno was big and verbose and all lusty guffaws. which are his trademark. If they still made Carry On films, Frank would be a natural.

When I asked him if it was difficult for a boxer to keep his weight up, he replied that there was only one thing he needed to "keep up" and there was no problem there, hur. hur. Frankie was a ventriloquist's dummy by comparison. Only dummies are allowed to speak sometimes, if only to say "gottle of

The boxer did all the talking. He embraced the little man saying: "We are not gay" and told me that Harry Carpenter was useless when it came to breakfast because 'Arry puts warm milk on his cornflakes, which makes his glasses steam up".

Frankie attempted a smile and then Frank went into compassionate mode as he crossed himself and said that we should all eat a proper breakfast, ie one of the Kellogg's persuasion, to make sure that the tragedies in the news of late never happen

I didn't quite understand his point, but, well ... "You can call me Frank or the doctor, or Frank the faith healer, just look at this man."
At this, he put a large arm

around the reluctant neck of Dettori and said: "He is a top sportsman. I am a has-been. I am a has-been. That's why I need money, hur, hur."

Frankie looked uncomfortable. Muttered something about eating All Bran again.

"It is a great testament to the

integrity of our competitors

that 98 per cent tested nega-

tive," Verroken said. "This is a result that confirms that the

vast majority of them are

Tomorrow, leading sports-

men and sportswomen will attend a national seminar on

drugs and sport in London.

Surveys have shown that

many of them want life bans

for anyone caught taking hor-

mone drugs, although the trend internationally is to

Six weeks ago, the Interna-

tional Amateur Athletic Feder-

ation reduced the length of

suspension for a first offence

from four years to two,

because of the fear of legal

actions from banned athletes.

reduce penalties.

competing drug-free."



Dettori and Bruno clown around in a little and large double-act, with the jockey as straight man

"You eat All Bran" big Frank guffawed. "You are a liar." Do you remember the breakfast you had when you rode those seven winners at

for breakfast.

Frank? Human

gave me a fright-

ening glance.

Don't you think.

because you are

an intelligent

fella, that we

situation.

March 1945.

should be talking about

Kellogg's?"
"I think cold milk is better

than hot milk on All Bran,"

Frankie then interjected in an

borrible attempt to defuse a

potentially disquieting

"Hur, hur" Frank went.

"Hur. hur." He

flesh?

what I mean? Ascot, I asked Frankie. Yes he Nudge, nudge. Wink as well. If National Breakfast "I ate All Bran. It has fibre. "And what do you think Week manages to convince Mike Tyson eats the youth of our

They made an unlikely

pair, sitting on the sofa'

confessed hasbeen boxer and pantomime japer in league with a jockey (no matter how stylish) to turn our children from their egg McMuffins.

"My main man Frankie

nation to eat more

healthily -- which

seems rather un-

likely - all well

and good. But let

us face facts: it is

going to take a lot

more than a self-

hasn't grown up yet but he

has just got married. Needs

all the cereal he can get, know

Anyway, as the Michael

Douglas character almost said in Wall Street: "Breakfast is for wimps ...

WORD-WATCHING

**GUDERIAN** (b) Guderian was the architect of the Wehrmacht's victories in France in 1940 and the USSR in 1941. As commander of XIX Panzer Corps, he broke through at Sedan. The German High Command put a brake on his progress, which saved the BEF. He led the 2nd Panzer Army into the USSR, encircling Kiev and Uman. He was leading the drive towards Moscow, which on orders from Hitler was diverted southwards. After various ups and downs, he was dismissed in

BAJADA
(a) In the South West of North America, a descent or slope formed by aggradation and composed of rock detritus. Geological Journal, 1909: "The Bajada: extending down from the rock surfaces are flanking detrital slopes built up by terrestrial deposition."

(a) A cameo, also a stone bearing natural markings resembling pictorial or ornamental figures. Formerly valued as a talisman. From the Arabic word. "As Talismans are images or figures made by art under certain Constellations, so Gamalicz are such figures, found so wrought by nature, held to be of greater vertue, being the second processor." therefore worn by some persons." GARUM

(c) A sauce made from fermented and rancid fish, strangely much used as a relish by the Ancient Romans. In the 16th and 17th tenturies in Britain the smelly stuff was more sensibly recommended as a medicine for horses. "The famous pickle of the amients, called Garum, was made of the gills and blood of the

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TELEVISION CHOICE

# A TV watchdog with teeth

Private Investigations BBC2, 7.30pm

This is a new series based on an old idea, of giving members of the public camcorders and inviting them to pursue their hobby-horses for their satisfaction and our entertainment. There is an echo of Channel 4's Citizen's Arrest, except that echo of Channel 4's Citizen's Arrest, except that here the people are on their own without the benefit of a professional presenter. Ian Batey's gripe is that his car was wrongly clamped. He boldly tackles the private company involved, which demanded a 570 release fee, and compares notes with fellow victims. Margaret Gibbins vents her anger at the cruel treatment of animals on their way to market, but Barry Thomas's complaint is against himself. He reckors his business is suffering because he has such a poor memory. The world memory champion and a hypnotist are called in to help. But is the problem simply the incurable one of advancing years?

#### Marc Bolan: Dandy in the Underworld Channel 4, 9.00pm

The 20th anniversary of the death of the T. Rex singer is marked by a profile-cum-tribute high on affection and admiration. Friends and fellow band members evoke a flamboyant talent who moved, members evoke a Hamboyani taleni who moved, not without a few bumps along the way, from the hippy underground to the commercial mainstream and enjoyed a huge following from male and female alike. At its peak in the early 1970s the T. Rex band was selling 28,000 singles a day. "Nowadays you are lucky if you can sell 28,000 a week," observes Tony Visconti, Bolan's producer. But there was a difficult time, when Bolan suddenly went out of favour and became a tax exile, only to hounce hack triumphantly. Memories exile, only to bounce back triumphanity. Memories of a more personal kind come from his partner, Gloria Jones, and their son, Rolan. She was driving the car when Bolan died, She and Rolan describe how the accident affected their lives.

Black Wednesday

Political pundits trying to explain John Major's humiliating election defeat have tended to point to the events of September 1992 as the start of an irreversible decline in Conservative fortunes. It

Margaret Gibbins vents her anger (BBCI)

was when Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was forced to come before the television cameras and explain that, despite all the assurameras and explain that, despite all the assur-ances he had given to the contrary, the pound was being withdrawn from the exchange-rate mechanism. Effectively a devaluation, tradition-ally the speciality of Labour administrations, the announcement came after a day when billions were lost to speculators and the Government had twice raised interest rates in an attempt to shore up the pound. The story is pieced together with the help of those who helped to write it.

#### BBC2, 11.15pm

Returning in tandem with the inferior Larry Sanders Show, Jerry Seinfeld's sitcom about an unattached New Yorker, played by himself, continues to impress as a cleverly constructed show which derives its humour from the confeat show which derives its humour from the confeat show which the state one linear. Transphr's episode rather than smart one-liners. Tonight's episode manages to sustain three plotlines and to inter-wave them so smoothly that you hardly notice. For the main story an acquaintance with Jewish culture will be an asset, in order to appreciate the significance of Seinfeld and his friend Elaine being asked to be godparents to a couple's new baby. Suffice to say that the jokes are about circumcision, though not so that anybody could take offence. As usual, Seinfeld tops and tails the narrative with a

#### RADIO CHOICE

Relative Values Radio 4. 7.20pm

The prospect of a programme about the relationship between one member of a family and another is likely to induce groans, for usually we another is likely to induce groans, for usually we are obliged to listen to famous people talking about each other. This series has been very different, and much the better for it. Michael McDonnell, the presenter, has avoided the usual traps and instead highlighted people who find themselves in unusual situations. Tonight, in the last in this series, he meets Stanley and Linda Allsop. Stanley, a lorry driver, was held in a French jail for 12 weeks after hergin was found in the sealed trailer he had just heroin was found in the sealed trailer he had just hitched up at Calais. He was innocent, but the battle to prove it had effects on family relationships which are still becoming apparent a year later.

Radio 2, 9.30pm

A Room With A View

This is the kind of programme that comforts those who feel the traditional notion of being British has been lost in a blizzard of change. John Walters is the presenter, and who better than this folksy eccentric of the airwaves to front a programme eccentric of the airwayes to front a programme about beach huts? Specifically, these are at Southwold in Suffolk, where walking along the seafront is "like going back to the Fifties". The huts per se are not very interesting, but some of the people who inhabit them certainly are, including the local woman, a painter, who bought a hut to use as a studio in which she paints other huts. The hut owners talk lovingly, not least the man who hut owners talk lovingly, not least the man who thinks that "heaven will be an anticlimax after Peter Barnard

#### RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddille and Boy Lard with the Breakfast Show in Manchester 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Mary Arms Hobbs. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kewn Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq. The Sundays talk about their return to music 8.30 Digital Update with Radtial Reynard 8.40 John Peet Includes a live session from Echo and the Burnymen 10.30 Charlie Jordan 1.00am Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

#### RADIO 2

6,00cm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jirminy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnme Walker 7.00 Carl Davis Classics 8.00 Wayne Marshalf s Organ Spectacular. Wayne Marshalf site in the Master of the Master of the Master of the Master of Donnell, at the Bridgevitter Half in Manchaster 9.00 Make em Laugh 9.30 A Room with a View. See Choice 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05cm Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Laster

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Megazine with Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday with Mar 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide with John Inverdele 7.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Mark Pougatch introduces action from the English Coca-Cola Cup second Introduces action from the English Coce-Cola Cup second round, first leg. Plus the Uela Cup first round, including Celtic v Liverpool, and news from the Scottish Challerge Cup semi-finals 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night with Phod Shore E. On Marrier Brossen. Sharp 5.00 Morning Reports

TALK RADIO 6.30am The Talk Radio Breaklast Show with Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chtaholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime with Peter Dealey 7.00

#### WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.16 The World Today 7.30 Adopting Attitudes 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shall Red Dwarf 8.30 Chill Out 9.00 News, News In German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Report on an Unidentified Space Station 9.30 Everywoman 19.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Revolution 10.30 Plays In Focus: School for Scandar 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsdask 12.30pm Adopting Attitudes 1.00 News, News in German (648 only) 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack Hit List 4.00 News 1.05 Sport 4.15 Report on an Unidentified Space Station 4.30 The Greenfield Collection; News in German (648 only) 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Wildrack, News 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Wildrack, News in German (648 only) 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 One Planet 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megambs 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News Farming World 1.46 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Discovery 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Mendian Live 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today

#### CLASSIC FM

6.00atn Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Concerto, Richard Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 m E flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Schubert (Violin Sonata in D) 8.00 Evening Concert. Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream; Symphony No 4, The Italian) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

#### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Russ and Jono's Breaklast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Mark Forcest 2.00mm Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bach, transcr Hall (Sonata in A minor); Handel (Harp Concerto in B flat); Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter); Mczert (Violin Concerto No 3 in 6); Vaughan Williams, arr Greaves (Fantasia on Greensteeves); Rossini, arr Godfrey (Ballet music William Tell)

9.00 Moming Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Bach (Italian Concerto in F); Bloch (Baal Shem); Schubert, arr Liszt (Sandchen; Rastlose Liebe)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Barber (Souvenirs); Elgar (Serenade in Eminor); Mattels (Sett of Ayres in F); Koechtin (Seven Stars' Symphony, 2nd mvit); keland (Three Songa); Benjamin Lees (Concerto for chamber orchestra); Leighton (Serenade in C); Herson (Symphony No 5); Gershwin (Cuban Overture)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Clementi
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. A concert given last year in St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol.

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The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic. Includes Mozari (Poethris: The Marcland.)

Includes Mozart (Overture: The Marriage of Includes Mozart (Overture: The Marriage of Figero), under Gunther Herbig; Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat), under George Hurst, with Martin Ruscoe, piano; Dvořák (The Water Goblin), under Vasili Sinaisky; Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F. Pastoral), under Gunther Herbig; Dvořák (Slavonic Dance in B), under Vasili Sinaisky

4.00 Volces. In the first of a new series Natalie Wheen introduces highlights from the Wigmore Heal International Song Competition, held last Saturday. The judges include Peter Schreier, Darne Margaret Price and Graham Johnson (r) 4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r) 5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty, Includes Shostakovich (Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Strings); Berssein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs); Guest (Gavin Bryars); Bellini (Sorgete; Lo Sognal Fento Esangue, II Pirata)
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9.30 Postscript: The Namative Landscape (2/5) (r)

9.55 BSC Philharmonic, under Peter Maxwell Davies. With Lucy Shelton, piano. Maxwell Davies (In Nomine No 7; Revelation and Fall)

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles reports on the opening of the English National Opera's new production of The Flying Dutchman

11.30 Composer of the Week: Verdi (r)

12.30 am Jazz Notes. Digby Fahrweather Infroduces a session from the Belgian guitanis Fapy Lafertin and Le Jazz. Recorded at the Hull Jazz Festival

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

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0171 S80 4444 for a chance to air your views on the plans for a Welsh Assembly (2/2)

10.00 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond (FM).
Three Durham undergraduates set out to record the herbel cures practised by the Dayaks of Kallmantan (5/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, Jenni Murrey talks to the playwright Aoril de Angelis

11.30 Medicine Now; with Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current effeirs with Lesley Fliddoch

12.25pm Cross Questioned. The late Vincent Hanna gives the crossword clues to Bill Buckley, Frances Edmonds, David Quantick and Francis Wheen

12.55 Weather

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1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast (LW)

2.00 News; Books and Company. John Walsh talks to the cookery writer Nigel Stater about tashions in food and the pleasures of real cooking (r)

2.30 Inventing Bach, David Owen Norris discusses changing interpretations of Bach (4/4)

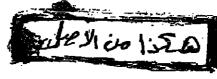
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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Paul Vaughan reports on the first night of the ENC's production of Wagner's opera, The Flying Dutchman, at the London Coliseum, Plus, reviews of Clare Boylan's new book, Room for a Single Lady
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6.30 Rent. The penuttimate part of Lucy Flannery's sitcom. With Barbara Flynn, Patrick Beriow and Linda Polan (5/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values. See Choice (4/4)
8.30 Esterce Now, with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 Lawsuits and Lintment, Jenny Cuttle looks at the increase in medical negligence litigation (3/3) for visually impaired people.
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10.00 The World Tonight. Presented by Jeremy Hams
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain.
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11.30 The New Europeans, with David Neil Lodge.
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12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to
Pleasure. The comic tale written by John
Lanchester. Read by Tim Prooft-Smith (6/10) (r). 12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW) 1.00 As World Service

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face: having worked so hard to get a place at Oxford, he arrived at university only to find that he was fascinating subject, what with its sinful biblical comoto be stuck for three years with confusion with a small greyish-

Edwina Currie as a contemporary. Then, just as he was beginning finally to enjoy his life of idleness. Channel 4 suddenly plucked him out so present the first of its series Sloth is certainly a subject that. on Seven Sins. The one on sloth. "I know society considers me a

sinner and that I've lived a wasted tife," he said at a dicration speed that doesn't demand any knowledge of shorthand to take down. "It sees me as slothful, idle and stoned most of the time. The worst sort of sinner in today's work-obsessed world. But what's wrong with being a sloth? And why did it become a deadly sin at all?"

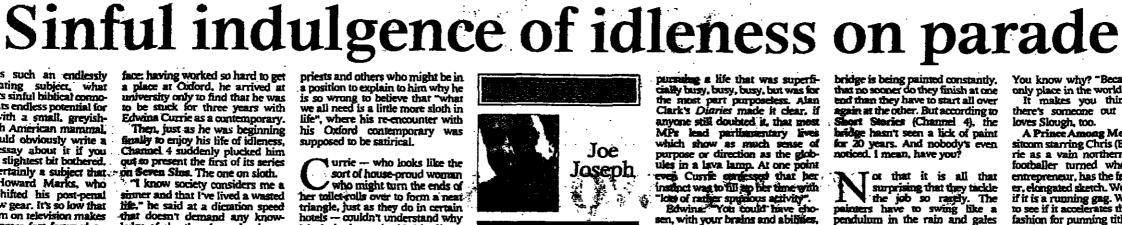
It's sweet to know that Marks does get exercised about something, even if that something turns out - paradoxically - to be sloth. But it was hard to tell, as Marks diligence had slapped him in the ambled around town, charting to

priests and others who might be in a position to explain to him why he is so wrong to believe that "what we all need is a little more sloth in life", where his re-encounter with his Oxford contemporary was supposed to be satirical

◀ urrie — who looks like the sort of house-proud woman who might turn the ends of her tailet rolls over to form a near triangle, just as they do in certain hotels - couldn't understand why Marks had tossed aside his glitter-

Marks had tossed aside his glittering post-Oxford prospects.

"How much of it was just being plain idle and trying to find an easy way to make money!" Edwina chided. It was like a headmistress trying to get to the bottom of why young Charlie, a normally hard-working pupil in Form 3B, had suddenly started behaving in deviation of other marks as we had suddenly started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behaving in the started behavior of the started behaving in the started behavior of the started behavior of the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making barking the started by making the started by making barking the started by making the started by making barking the started by making the star spend years in Parliament, where lesson in the pointlessness of



parasing a life that was superfi-cially busy, busy, busy, but was for the most part purposeless. Alan Clark's Diaries made it clear, if anyone still doubted it, that most MPs lead parliamentary lives which show as much sense of purpose or direction as the globules in a lava lamp. At one point cost Currie sangesses that her instinct was to till up her time with "lots of rather specious activity".

Bowing: "You could have chosen, with your brains and abilities,

to do great things. You could have shown to go into the political world? Manks protested that he

bridge is being painted constantly, that no scoper do they finish at one end than they have to start all over again at the other. But according to Short Steries (Channel 4), the bridge hasn't seen a lick of paint for 20 years. And nobody's even noticed, I mean, have you?

ot that it is all that surprising that they tackle the job so rangly. The painters have to swing like a pendulum in the rain and gales from one of the bridge's spans trail they reach a bit of steelwork that needs touching up. As work-ing envisorments go, it is as cosy world? Marks protested that he had, standing as a "tegalising marijuana" candidate. Shit day in a very trivial vary, shorted their standing, anne of the paint. Edwina, "How many waterdily yet." Edwina, "How many waterdily yet." From thousand? How many their standing, none of the paint. Edwina their "A helhrva lot more than their "A helhrva lot more than their "A helhrva lot more than their "A helhrva lot more than their saying some of these working have such treacty Scottish access that they are given subtifies. Eye Boyle, of Railtrack in Everyone believes that the Scotland, Every the bridge to birs.

only place in the world like it."

It makes you think: Maybe there's someone out there who

loves Slough, too. A Prince Among Men (BBCI), a sittom starring Chris (Brittas) Barrie as a vain northern superstar footballer turned wheeler-dealer entrepreneur, has the feel of a dever, elongated sketch. We wait to see if it is a running gag. We also wait to see if it accelerates the booming

fashion for purning titles. The Prince of the title is Gary Prince, former footballer. ITV has just brought us Noah's Ark, about a ver called — improbably — Noah. It can't be long before we have The Judgment of Solomon, about a High Court judge called Solomon Jones. Dr Sebastian Thyme will play the lead in the medical drama Thyme Heals All Wounds. As for Currie Is An Acquired Taste, maybe we saw the pilot for that one last night.

#### BBC1

tations and its endless potential for

brown South American mammal.

that you could obviously write a

very long essay about it if you could be the slightest bit bothered.

lascinates Howard Marks, who

has down-shifted his post-penal life into a low gear. It's so low that

watching him on television makes

you itch to press fast forward on

the remote control in the hope that

it will somehow quicken his move-

Not that you can blame Marks for resorting to a life of genteel

indolence. The one time he did do

something that could be called

entrepreneurial and profitable it

landed him in jail for nine years

Nor was that the first time that

for smuggling marijuana.

ments to normal human speed.

6.00am Business Breakfast (57061) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98083887) 9.05 Referendum Call: Wales Live phone-in

on devolution as the people of Waies

prepare to vote on their own parliament

Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 9.55 Kilroy (T) (5718245)

10.35 Change That (1728871) 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4007239)

11.05 The Really Useful Show Consumer Issues (T) (9110158) 11.35 Room for Improvement (2781158)

12.00 News (T) regional news and weather 12.05pm Call My Bluff Word game (9848852) 12.35 Going for a Song (9751413) 1.00 News (I) and weather (75142)

1.30 Regional News (T) (17655239) 1.40 The Weather Show (87503852) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (77454332) 2.10 Quincy Stamng Jack Klugman (r)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (4177) 3.30 Playdays (8497887) 3.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (8400351) 4.10 Rugrats (4901177) 4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (6995516) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9227852) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (956245) 6.00 News (i) and weather (871)

6.30 Regional News (351) 7.00 Holiday Memories Esther Rantzen and her daughter revisit Zimbabwe; Nigel Hevers in his tavourite Italian resort of Bordighera; and partially-sighted Peter Jenson travels to Maine (T) (6158)

7.30 EastEnders Things are not looking good for George Palmer and Tilfany is plagued by an unwelcome visitor (T) (535)

8.00 Match of the Day — Live: Celtic v Liverpool Live coverage from the Usfa-Cup first leg clash at Parkhead, Glasgow. With commentary by John Motson (23676055)

(544239)

9.55 News (T) Regional News and weather Black Wednesday Tim Pigott-Smith on the financial meltdown in 1992 that was to become known as Black Wednesday (1) (774608) WALES: 10.30 Referendum '97 (774608) 11,20 Black Wednesday (269061) 12,10am FiLM: Footloose (308833) 1,50 FILM: Beverly Hitts Brats (2132307) 3.15

Weather (86506185) 11.20 Footloose (1984) with Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow, Christopher Penn and Dianne Wiest. A rebellious, hipswinging student from the city moves to a small religious town where he clashes with a fire-and-brimstone preacher who has benned dancing for its immorality Directed by Herbert Ross (T) (830178)

Billingsley and Martin Sheen. A lonely rich kid engineers his own kidnapping to get parental attention. Directed by Dimitri Sotirakls (1165630) 2.25 Weather (1708543)

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### BBC2

6.00am O U: Ouverture — Plus Ça Change (4708887) **6.25** English, English Everywhere (4710622) **6.50** Rural Life

(5518622) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (1) (4585142)

7.30 Smuris' Adventures (r) (6756719) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5688697) 8.20 Ozide Doke (r) (7306852) 8.30Rupert (r) (7473142) 8.35 Teletubbies (r) (1333887) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2857055) 9.25 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w) (r) (3126177) 9.45 Rocky Star (b/w) (r) (8921974) 9.50 Cartoon (8846239) 10.00 Taletubbies (32993)

10.30 In Old Montana (1939, b/w) Musical western, with Fred Scott end Jean Carmen (29245)

11.30 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (2500) 12.00 See Hearl (r) (T) (93603) 12.30pm Working Lunch (20245) 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bud (r) (83015993) 1.10 Craft Hour (6438608) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (31908784) 2.40 News (1) (1012968) 2.45 Match of the 1970s (r) (1) (3956871) 2.45 Match of the 1970s (f) (1) (3956871)
3.25 News (T) (4065852) 3.30 Real
Rooms (r) (429) 4.00 Ready, Steady,
Cook (264) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone
(6994887) 4.55 Esther: Divorce
(5297018) 5.30 Today's the Day (500)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (979622)
6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (887968)

7.10 The O Zone Elion John, Louise (340516) I Private investigations Members of the public address issues close to their heart (1)

8.00 Return to the Home Front The revival of wooden houses (3448)

B.30 Looking Good Label-shopping on a budget (T) (9055) 9.00 Have I Got Old News for You (r) (1)

9.30 Holding On Bernard's temper bolls over 10.30 Newsaight (I) (201887).



Jerry Seinfield (11.15pm)

Seinfeld Comedy successingle life in New York with Seinfeld Cornedy about Jerry Seinfield (T) (114535) 11.35 The Larry Sanders Show Return of the

American comedy set on an American TV chat show. Roseanne and Chevy Chase guest (T) (994993) 12.00 Weather (4352433)

12.05am Walking on Thin ice Bad weather hampers the explorers' expedition

12.15 Animation 2 (9102730) 12.25 Weather (3998253) 12.30 O U: Refining the View (89982) 1.00

The Root of the World (56307) 1.30 Energy Through the Window (60098) 2.00 Perfect Pictures (79814) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT (38962) 4.30 Teaching Primary History (37272) 5.00 Royal Institute Discourse (73630)

6.00am GMTV (7564603) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) /28549684 9.55 Regional News (1484429) 10.00 The Time, the Place (1) (36719) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18285332) 12.20pm Regional News (6639245)

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12.30 News (T) and weather (9747210) 12.55 Shortland Street (9835429) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (58552790) 1,50 Remote Control Cooking (1) (77480993) 2,20 Vanessa (1) (75787974) 2,50 The Natural

Health Show (6139603) 3.20 News (T) (4166535) 3.25 Regional News (4165806)

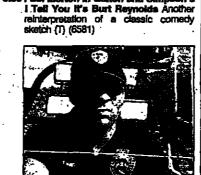
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5.10 Relative Knowledge (2661784) 5.40 News (1) and weather (122351) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (973448) 6.25 HTV Weather (859429) 6.30 HTV News (T) (719)

China (2661784)

7.00 Emmerdale Jo and Alan take their romance on the road (T) (8326) 7.30 WALES: Gress Roots (603) 7.30 Take 3 New current affairs series focusing on issues in the West, including

a look at the campaign to get skateboards off the streets (603) 8.00 The Bill Ackland and Blake Investigate the world of dog fighting (T) (1734) 8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Sknoson's



Bruce Willis investigates (9,00pm) 9.00 Striking Distance (1993) with Bruce Wills and Sarah Jessica Parker. Police thriller about a river-rescue cop hunting his father's murderer. Directed by Rowdy Herrington (T) Continues after the

10.00 News (T) and weather (98158) 10.30 Regional News (T) (487993) 10.40 FILM: Striking Distance Conclusion of

tonight's film (T) (786993) 11.35 New York News: Forgotten (530581) 12.35em Planet Mirth (9493017) 1.10 Late and Loud (5933456)

2.05 The Chart Show (r) (5240765) 3.00 Football Extra (r) (9121630) 3,55 World of Salling (r) (79981456)

4.20 Cool Vibes (64512663) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (31535456) 5.00 Heldoom (r) (19388) 5.30 News (30104)

#### CENTRAL

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11.35 Central Sports Special (530581) 12.35em Movie Club (9493017) 1.10 Real Highway Petrol (8602961) 1.35 War of the Worlds (1886611) 2.25 The Paul Ross Show (4828192) 3.45 Sound Bites (79994920)

5.20 Astan Eye (1211098)

4,05 Central Jobfinder '97 (3303730)

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12.05em Alfred Hitchcock (3583524)

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11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (530581)

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7.30-8.00 Wildlife Rescue (603)

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11.40 NYPD Blue (991158) 12.35am-1.35 Byzantium: The Lost Empire

#### CHANNEL 4

5.55am Secame Street (77871) 7.00 The Bio. Right (87185)

9.30 The Crezy World of Laurel and Hardy (1962, b/w) Classic clips from the comedies made between 1929 and 1938 10.55 Fiddle De Des (9033055) 11.00 The

Great Outdoors (r) (3239) 11,30 Here's One I Made Earlier Asparagus and salmon, roast aflet of lamb (1) (4968) 12.00 Sesame Street (15871) 12.30pm Baby Baby (42413) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) (47968) 2.00 The Baptism (75601500)

2.25 The Silver Fleet (1942, b/w) Ralph
Fichardson as a Duch shipyard owner
who seems to be working with the Nazis.
Directed by Vennon Sewell and Gordon Wellesley (1) (402448) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (1) (332) 4.30 Countdown (1) (6816055) 4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (2946546) 5.30 Absolutely Animals (1/8)

6.00 Space Cadets Lighthearted science

fiction quiz (1) (581) 6.30 Roseanne: Nightmers on Cak Street Darlene can't sleep and her mother is determined to find out why (r) (T) (531) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (735806)

7.50 Get Sorted Haircuts (760516)

Telford and Warrington, compares leisure facilities (T) (8516) 8.30 Brookside Rachel starts cracking up white Max finally stands up to Susaimah (1), (5121)

8.00 The Feel Good Factor Mark Little, in



Glam rock star Marc Bolan (9.00pm)

9.00 Marc Bolen: Dandy in the Underworld On the 20th anniversary of his death the story of the musician's turbulent life (T) (6245) 10.00 indian Summer (1993) Cornedy drama

with Alan Arkin as the owner of a declining children's summer camp. Directed by Michael Binder (T) (530852) 11.50 in Quest is it time to force employers to hire more black people through job quotas? (3/4) (162719)

12.40am The Lonelines of the Long Distance Runner (1962, b/w) Tom Countenay stars as a borstal boy who finds redemption in long-distance running. Tony Richardson directs (T)

2.35 Ricki Lake (r) (1) (2867456) 3.20 The Challenge (1938, b/w) with Robert
Douglas. A team of Victorian mountaineers attempt to become the first to climb
the Matterhom. Directed by Milton Rosmer and Luis Trenker (7571920) 4.40 The Island of the Blassed A mother

accused of murdering her child tells har story in flashback. Starring Beete Fenger. In Danish with English subtitles (r) (4537949) 5.30 Film and Video Showcase (r) (7651562)

#### CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Setellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound:

6.00em 5 News Early (7293500) 7.30 USA High Teen silcom (r) (5457581) 8.00 Havakazoo (1918023) 8.30 WideWorld: Doing the Business The

impact of computers on businesses 9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (7815245) 10,00 Exclusive (r) (T) (6916500) 10,30 Hot Property (r) (T)

(3914608) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (1433806) 11.50 Double Espresso (69755622)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap. Lauren tells Stephanie that she did not tell James about Shella's past in case it ruined Eric's life (T) (8768500) 12.30pm Family Atlairs (r) (T) (9862500) 1.00 5 News Update (85009622) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8618974) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment show (8689535)

3.30 Angels Over Broadway (1940, b/w) with Thomas Mitchell, Douglas Fairbanks Ji Thomas Mitchell, Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Rita Hayworth. The whimsical tale of a hustler who decides to turn over a new leaf and save a suicidal embezzier, with the help of a friendly hooker and a literary drunk. Directed by Ben Hecht (6214041) 5.00 Move on Up Game show (8141177)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9168177) 6,00 Family Affairs Weekday soap about the Hart family. Roy wastes no time in asking Maria for Susie's old job; and Tim has another go at asking Holly for a date (1) (9158790)



Arsenal keeper Seaman (6.30pm)

6.30 Uefa Cup Football - Live The first round, first leg match between PAOK Salonika and Arsenal. The commentator is Jonathon Pearce (34026413) 8.50 5 News (T) (1464332)

9.20 Uefa Cup Football Extended highlights of the game featuring Aston Vita (81860158) 11.30 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and

comedy (6640719) 12.15am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (1235833) 2.00 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas Soccer action from the Latin American

leagues (18462630) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7790982)

#### SATELLITE AND CABLE



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6.00m El Urcut (2915018) 6.30 Besder's
About (5731210) 7.00 Coronation St.
(8431055) 7.30 Families (6576707) 8.00
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Impossible (8572974) 11.00 The
Sandbaggers (8492210) 12.00 Coronation
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Impossible (7651332) 9.00 Coronation St
(3719826) 9.30 The Comedians (1003968)
10.00 Cracker (7778055) 11.00 Close

and Jim (4347326) 11.46 Sing Me a Story (2233067) 12.00 Big Gerage (7855006) 12.45pm Winnia the Pooh (25005784) 1.00 Sesame Sincet (37958) 2.00 Amazing Amin-is (1852) 2.30 Care Bears (3500) 3.00 Tale Spin (3887) 3.00 Good Troop (4245) 4.00 Timor and Pumbas (9922) 4.30 Aladdin (2264) 5.00 Gergoyles (8332) 8.30 Dino-seurs (3516) 6.00 Biossom (5555) 8.30 Boy Meets World (1561) 7.00 Home Improve-ment (2366) 7.30 Wonder Years (3933) 6.00 FILM: Kids of the Round Table (93871) 9.30 Home Improvement (2517)

FOX KIDS NET WORK

6.00am Deby (6801790) 4.30 Bay the Cat
(2833622) 7.00 Proccrito (4280351) 7.30

Power Rangers Zao (4276156) 8.00 Beetleborge (8576974) 9.00 Magic Box (8798325) 9.30

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(9363177) 3.30 Maskad Refer (1783852)
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(1791871) 5.00 The Tick (9368622) 5.30 X Men (1888351) 6.00 Spicierman (1885264) 6.30 Sweet Valley High (1876516)

8.00am Happily Ever After (29054) 8.20 Bobbys World (13603) 7.00 Sprtou (44061) 7.30 Dennis the Menaca (57968) 8.00 Bat-man (80516) 8.30 Both Master (83887) 9.00 Arl Attack (21069) 9.30 Earthworm Jan (34871) 10.00 Gravedale High (31055) 10.30 Flash Gordon (92351) 11.00 Creepy Crawlers (51603) 11.30 Geparacr (52352) 12.00 Gravedale High (83603) 12.30pan Bots Mester (18887) 1.00 Behman (43322) 1.30 Eek the Cat. (17158) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (4328) 2.30 Flash Gordon (5074) 3.00 Soric (9061) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (7719) 4.00 Dennis the Manace (3326) 4.30 Arl Atlack (2210) 5.00 Close CARTOON NETWORK CARTOON NETWORK

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8.00pm The Prisoner (1546784) 9.00 The

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7.00pm Grace Under Fire (4018) 7.30 Research (2055) 8.00 Ellen (8806) 8.30 Cybel (5413) 9.00 Cheers (28939) 8.30 Tax (80413) 10.00 Finasire (89822) 18.30 Alexel Sayle's Suff (82142) 11.00 Cub. Class (25210) 11.30 Mighastend (12177) 12.00 Soap (28307) 12.30em (1.0ve Lucy (72830) 1.00 Erestramment UK (54494) 1.30 Ted (77833) 2.00 Rosesmine (99830) 2.30 Cub. Class (18785) 3.00 Finasir (24830) 3.30 Alexel Sayle's Suff (25807) 4.00 Close THE SCLEFT CHAMMET THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 1997

Clubs decide championship should cling to its traditional format

# Counties reject two divisions

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE intransigence of county cricket has once again held radical reform at bay. Even Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, a businessman as acute as any in the country, has failed to shift the enduring parochialism of the game. His own passionately stated support for a two-division county championship yesterday fell foul of the familiar fears that run rife in the shires.

By 12 votes to seven the First Class Forum of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) decided to keep the county championship precisely as it is - essentially as it has always been. The fact that the remainder of the blueprint for the future of cricket. Raising the Standard, was almost totally endorsed could not disperse the clear disappointment on the face of MacLaurin, chairman of the board and author of the plan.

"I am sad that we have not gone to two divisions," he admitted. "I told the counties this morning that this was my personal view and I spent some time telling them why. But cricket is an ultra-conservative game and changes are not happening as quickly as I would like. We will give this system three years and see

Lord MacLaurin, although looking strained and sounding terse, said that he intended to stay on as chairman. "I have got 15 months to complete. I would hope to see that through before they throw me out," he said grimly. When pressed as to whether he would stand again, he said ambiguously: "We'll talk about it in a year's time, when the names go on the nomination form."

No matter the deeper and broader benefits that will unarguably accrue from his document, especially at the junior and recreational end of the game, it will be thought to have failed in its principal aim - the intensifying of competitive cricket and public interest in the county championship. MacLaurin himself must

shoulder some of the blame. He took a calculated risk by originally proposing a convoluted system of three equal



MacLaurin, left, and Lamb are grim-faced after the rejection of the main plank of their reform plan. Photograph: André Camara

conferences, reasoning that by accepting a climate of change the counties would be amenable to a subsequent move to the promotion and relegation he had always favoured. He had not anticipated that they would react so swiftly that the two-division option would become immediately viable.

After an emergency meeting of the FCF on September 2.

Lord MacLaurin and his chief executive, Tim Lamb, had the chance to promote just the one

ous one day competition. Once

By Kevin McCarra

FOOTBALLERS are used to criticism, but Regi Blinker may have been dumbfounded

to learn that even his halluci-

nations can receive a hostile

review. The Celtic winger, who faces Liverpool in the first

leg of their Uefa Cup tie in

Glasgow tonight, was admit-

ting that the match had be-

come an obsession. "I've been

playing the game in my head

ever since the draw was made

and I've scored two great goals," he said in a light-

hearted way.

How did the defence get

on?" a Scottish journalist

asked lugubriously. The press, the public and perhaps even

the players themselves all

experience the same ambiva-

lence where the present Celtic

team is concerned. Half of the

men likely to be fielded tonight

were signed in the summer

and the side has yet to

Ghastly mistakes, as seen in

the 6-3 victory over Tirol Innsbruck in the home leg of

their preliminary round

match and the 3-2 league win

at Motherwell on Saturday,

have punctuated most perfor-

mances. In consequence, there

is an uncharacteristic tone of

self-deprecation about Celtic

supporters when they discuss

their club's prospects against

Liverpool, even though the

newcomers, such as Henrik

Larsson, have proved capable

For once, those fans may be

guilty of over-estimating an

adversary. Like Celtic, Liver-

pool are a club living on past

glories. If they seem betterequipped for a renaissance,

they have still to turn theory

into fact. Perhaps Paul Ince

of vibrant attacking.

coalesce.

It can no longer be a game run by and for the over-sixties and unless that is realised England will be left further and further behind.

Sounding weary and baffled, Lord MacLaurin said:

first round,

first leg

of the counties had expressed concern over the effect of

Stubbornly, Lord MacLaurin added: "I have no doubt that we will have promotion and relegation in my time. They could have thrown the whole lot out today and put us back to square one. They haven't done that. For them, they've made a big step forward."

The advance as agreed includes a new national one-day league, played in two divisions and beginning in 1999, and several improvements to the NatWest Trophy, including an increase to 60 competing teams and the staging of the final a week earlier.

# Violence leaves clubs facing expulsion from Heineken Cup

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE rugby unions of Wales and France will be expected to hold urgent inquiries into the violence that broke out over the weekend in the Heineken Cup matches in Pan and Brive. However, the violence was not confined to the pitch and yesterday four Pontypridd players were ques-tioned by French police after a clash with Brive players in a bar late on Sunday night.

While the organisers of the competition, European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), await written responses from Brive and Pontypridd after the Welsh club's one-point defeat, a heavy cloud will hang over the whole competition. If consideration is given to suspend-ing any club, then it must be done soon before the competition resumes on Saturday.

Yet the clubs themselves must also take action for the sake of the competition, which, in only its third season, has become the flagship of northern-hemisphere rugby below international level. The disturbing reputation that Pau have brought with them was verified during their game with Llanelli on Saturday, while Brive, the cup-holders, and Pontypridd, the Welsh League champions, both had players sent off during Sunday's game and subsequently banned for a

One of those players, Dale McIntosh, the No 8 from New Zealand who has made two appearances for Wales, was involved in a bar-room brawl during which three France internationals Christophe Lamaison, Philippe Carbonneau and David Venditti — were injured. Their prospects of playing against Bath on Saturday appear slim, while Ponypridd have to collect themselves for their away game with Scottish Borders — if, indeed, the remain in the competition after the allegations made against McIntosh and Phil

John, the hooker. Roger Pickering, the ERC chief executive, has asked for the report of the match commissioner at Brive, Roland Patachon, and would do well to do the same for the Pau v Llanelli game, such was the level of foul play over which the Irish referee. Leo Mayne,

chose to dismiss nobody. Pickering is also likely to consider the whole system of competition.

There can be no doubt that Pontypridd and their support ers in Brive were bitterly disappointed by the controversial last-minute try awarded by Eddie Murray, the Scottish official, which deprived them of victory and that disappointment may have contributed to the subsequent brawl.

Bernard Lapasset, pr dent of the French rughy federation, called for Pontypridd to be ejected from the Heineken Cup "if collective responsibility can be proved: but he would do well to ensure that everything in his own house is in order. Pau. for example, sullied the



McIntosh: sent off

with their play at Lianelli last-season and when they played Leicester, who accused them

of eye-gouging.

I would expect both the two clubs — Brive and Pontypridd - and their respective unions to make inquiries of their own," Pickering said. "Any action taken must be done before the coming

Nor can the fledgling professional sport afford a compromise solution: there is enough concern over crowd figures and marketing as it is ... without television showing the worst of the on-field violence and scores being settled later in a manner that could lead to civil actions by the parties concerned.

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#### radical alternative to three conferences. The counties would then have been faced with the choice of supporting it or exposing their reactionary spirit by rejecting all change. Instead, the board's execu-

tives, in consultation with David Morgan, chairman of the FCF, came up with their enhanced status quo" — a championship unchanged, other than in the impenetrable "incentive" of the top eight qualifying for another spurithat was on the table, the outcome was pre-ordained. Yesterday, only the six coun-

ties who stage Test cricket, plus Worcestershire, voted for bers may rejoice. All those who believe English cricket must modernise of wither will

"It's very difficult to gauge the way county chairmen think, a

Defensive frailties put

Celtic on the back foot

quality that has been lacking,

but Liverpool, in these early

days, are simply a team from the mid-table zone of the FA

Carling Premiership.
Roy Evans, the manager at

Anfield, is mulling over the

possibility of enhancing his

side by giving Robbie Fowler

his first match of the season.

The forward, who has a knee

injury, has been able to train

for the past couple of days, but

it may not be prudent to put

his fitness to the test from the

start of a game played before 50,000 people at Celtic Park.

and the partnership of Karlheinz Riedle and Michael

Owen is hardly in need of

Although Liverpool will not

be interested in the niceties of

national psychology, the fer-

vour that will beat down on

them from the stands has

Blinker: obsession

remedial attention.

the three conferences". If this was so, why bother with the whole worthily protracted Lamb explained that many

lot of the time." But sounding

claimed that yesterday's out-

come was "slightly better than

disingenuous he

international calls on their chances of attaining or retaining first-division status. Some clubs had even threatened that the system would prevent them from releasing Test players at the behest of the

nothing to do with the

anatagonism of Scots for En-

ers, and even their heroes,

hardly seem to find it worthy

cussed in the club," Blinker

said. "Perhaps the Scottish

players only talk about it among themselves." If so, the

conversation is being conduct-

ed among a very small group.

since Celtic's probable side

only includes four men born in

Scotland. In the post-Bosman

era. Liverpool would find it

almost as difficult to pass

themselves off as standard-

bearers for their own country,

clubs also limits the scope for a

feud. After the Hillsborough

disaster of 1989, Liverpool's

return to football came when

they were invited to Glasgow

to play Celtic in a charity

match in aid of the victims'

families. It was watched by a

crowd of 60,000. Many of

those people will be present

again tonight, and if they

yearn to witness victory for

Celtic, that is because Liver-

pool are esteemed opponents.

CELTIC (probable: 4-4-2): J Gould — D Hanneh, A Stubbs, T Boyd, S Mahe — A Thorn, C Burley, M Weghorst, R Blinker — S Domnelly, H Lansson

LIVERPOOL (probable; 3-4-1-2): D Jam — B Kvarme, M Wright, D Matteo — Jones, P Ince, M Thomas, S Bjornebye — McManaman — M Owen, K Riedle.

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The affinity between the

"I have not heard it dis-

#### Hall retires with his ambition fulfilled

BY DAVID MADDOCK

SIR JOHN HALL will retire as chairman of Newcastle United Football Club on December I. The news came as a surprise yesterday as the multi-millionaire hijacked a glishmen. Newspapers may be fascinated with that aspect of the contest, but the support-Champions League press conference to announce his decision.

Sir John. 64, said that Newcastle's first game in Europe's elite competition against Barcelona tomorrow provided the perfect moment for him to announce his decision as it represented the pinnacle of his ambition.

"When I took over at St James' Park 5½ years ago, my mission was to put Newcastle among the top three clubs in the UK and the top ten in Europe," he said. "I sit here a proud man today because we welcome Barcelona in the Champions League, and it represents the fulfilment of what we set out to achieve.

"Look how far we have come in 512 years. We set out on the edge of bankruptcy, and have spent nearly £100 million to achieve our ambition - let nobody forget that. I've honoured my commitments to the club."

Sir John said that only the fear of an unfulfilled family life as he approached retirement age persuaded him to step down. "I've wasted my life in a

sense," he said. "I've not had the time to do what the ordinary bloke does - be with his wife, children and grandchildren."

Freddie Shepherd, the dub's vice-chairman, will take

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